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ACTIVE REVOLT: YUGOSLAVS ARE SEETHING WITH ANGER AGAINST ADHERENCE TO AXIS PACT German Radio Warning About The Entry Of Troops

THE PEOPLE OF YUGOSLAVIA ARE IN ACTIVE REVOLT AGAINST THE SELL-OUT OF THEIR COUNTRY TO GERMANY AND THE COUNTRY IS SEETHING WITH DISGUST AND ANGER AT THE SIGNING OF THE AXIS PACT, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

The Belgrade correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES states that 2,000 peasants, armed with pitch-forks and clubs, entered a town shouting protests.

Church leaders, young Army officers, soldiers, and leaders of the Opposition Party are united in presenting the Germans with an abrupt front.

POLICE REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT.

Leaflets have been distributed stating: "We will not lay down our arms. We want honour and freedom at any price."

DE GAULLE ON VISIT TO CHAD

General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Forces, is visiting Chad territory where he has been able to see for himself the excellent morale of the army and the patriotic feeling of the troops and people in the territory, states a London message.

Gen. de Gaulle inspected the military organisation which has already proved itself in the capture of Kufra.

The Free French leader will also introduce a plan for economic development, and the capital of Chad is already in the process of being transformed.

WHY GRAZIANI RESIGNED

Official circles in Italy state that Marshal Graziani was relieved of his post as Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Forces in Africa, owing to his ignorance in fighting war tactics, states a London message.

The Italian Press, on the other hand, assert that the resignation was due to his failure against General Wavell's Army, ill-health and injuries in the Abyssinian campaign.

NAZIS TO MOVE CAPITAL

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (Reuters)—The suggestion, that Herr Hitler may make Vienna his capital in place of Berlin if R.A.F. raids become heavier, is made in a Zurich dispatch to the NEW YORK POST.

The correspondent says: "The mass expulsion of Jews from Vienna is interpreted as a German preparation to move the capital to Vienna."

New Aircraft-Carrier Should Be Formidable News To The Italians

Britain's latest ship, the aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. FORMIDABLE has joined Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's Fleet in the Mediterranean, and this should prove formidable news to the Italians, states a London message.

The Formidable lived up to her name by launching herself half-an-hour before time in Belfast in 1938.

A sister-ship of the illustrious Formidable has a displacement of 23,000 tons and has 18 4.5-inch guns.

The illustrious, it will be recalled, distinguished herself several weeks ago.

IN GOOD HEART Admiral Cunningham has sent the following message:

"We are all in very good heart."

ATLANTIC BASES AGREEMENT

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuters)—An agreement for the leasing of Atlantic bases to the United States will be signed in London tomorrow (Thursday), it is stated officially here.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Lord Cranborne and the Colonial Secretary, Lord Moyne, will be the British signatories while the American Ambassador, Mr. J. G. Winant and three members of the United States Technical Commission will sign on behalf of the United States.

The German Radio has threatened that GERMAN TROOPS MAY MARCH IN TO RESTORE ORDER. So long as there is no trouble no troops will move in.

The Radio added this illuminating phrase: "We have no moral right to instigate Yugoslavia to a revolt without being prepared or able to afford them full assistance."

The Yugoslav Prime Minister and Foreign Minister returned to Belgrade yesterday in an even more sombre manner than when they left for Berlin 45 hours earlier.

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H.K. RENT RACKET FAST SPREADING

(BY OUR STAFF REPORTER)

In nearly every claim for possession heard before the Courts the defence has invariably been inability to obtain suitable alternative premises—a defence which, in the light of the number of "to let" notices (in Chinese) one sees all over the Colony, appears exceedingly weak.

As any Chinese who has had money, or "key money"—but, in reality, squeeze money—is stated, for a flat, or house, would be able to testify house-hunting nowadays has grown to be a question of a person's ability, or willingness, to pay the squeeze demanded by the agents—at least, insofar as Chinese tenement houses, and a number of Chinese-owned foreign type houses, are concerned.

Along Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, Salyeungchoi Street, Taipo Road, and Lalchikot Road—to name but a few of the localities—a house-hunter sees numerous "to let" notices, giving the locality (name of street but not number of the house), whether lights and water are fitted, and the rental of the flat in question.

AMOUNT STATED
Near the end of the notice the amount of "tea money", "shoe

money" or "key money" is stated; the prospective tenant to see if the flat advertised. This fee was not returnable, whether the premises were found suitable or not.

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WAVELL'S NOTE TO PAPAGOS

General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, has sent a message to General Papagos expressing admiration of the British forces for their valiant Greek troops fighting in Albania, states a London message.

Replying, Gen. Papagos said that the Greeks would continue to defend the ideals of liberty and would not bow to any threats.

The latest Greek communiqué on the Albanian war reports patrol activity and artillery fire.

BRITISH TAKE NEW POSITIONS AROUND KEREN

British Imperial forces have beaten back another Italian attack and have captured new positions around Keren, states a London message.

Many prisoners were taken, also equipment, according to a Cairo communiqué.

In Abyssinia developments continue satisfactorily in all directions.

DIRECT HITS

The South African Air Force heavily raided the railway north of Dredawa on Tuesday, states a London message. Direct hits were scored on bridges and buildings.

MASS PRODUCTION

In the United States contracts totalling \$205,000,000 have been placed for a further 137 cargo ships of the 200 planned on mass production lines, states a London message. Contracts for the first 25 were awarded a week ago.

MR. MENZIES TO ADDRESS M.P.'S

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister of Australia, who is in London, has been invited to address a meeting of members of Parliament, states a message from Sydney.

He also hopes to visit Canada and the United States where he will see Mr. Mackenzie King and President Roosevelt.

NORWEGIAN FLAG ON U.S. WARSHIPS

In a speech, Crown Prince Olaf of Norway, stated according to a message from London, that some of the United States destroyers recently acquired by Britain were flying the Norwegian flag.

Shipyards were also damaged and shipping held up.

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WILDCATS WIN LADIES' CROWN DESPITE 13 FIELDING ERRORS

V.R.C. HUMBLES CHUNG HWA IN JUNIOR PENNANT DECIDER

BY "R.O.Y."

DESPITE COMMITTING THE LARGE NUMBER OF THIRTEEN FIELDING ERRORS, THE WILDCATS won a 9-7 decision over the Canuckettes to regain the ladies' crown last Sunday. In the day's other championship decider, the Victoria Recreation Club trounced the disappointing Chung Hwa outfit, by the wide margin of 16 tallies to 3, to be the first to gain the Limjap Trophy, emblematic of the Junior Loop premiership.

Commencing the day's card, the Wahoos slapped the Baby Panthers into the second division when they tallied 13 markers to the latter's 7, in a five inning fracas that was featured with three-baggers by Therese Noronha and Patsy Ribeiro and doubles by Aida Castro and Irene Castilho.

The Canuckettes-Wildcats tussle started off promisingly as the latter were ratified in 1-2-3 order in the first two frames but, after taking the lead with a marker in each of the second and third stanzas, the Canuckettes bogged down against a bunting attack to concede four counters in each of the third and fourth frames that put the game on ice for the opposing Wildcats.

Thelma Colaco started the fire-works with a single to centre and was pushed across the plate with dumps by Dolly Brown and Virginia Chiu. The latter highlighted all the way to third, where Dolly Brown was perched, to cause a general mix-up which ended in the latter scoring while Virginia returned to second. Virginia went home when Rosie Louie missed Irene Pereira's grounder to short stop.

Tail-enders in the Wildcat lineup, Dolly Brown and Virginia Chiu surprised by pacing the Wildcat sluggers with two hits apiece. Poor hitting in the pinches lost the Canuckettes the game as they had eight runners stranded to the Wildcats' two. Jay Wong having picked the lead out of her feet pilfered the high mark of four stolen bases.

CHUNG HWA HUMBLED

The V. R. C. found Chung Hwa hurler P. F. Choy's deliveries easy picking when they connected for a homer, a triple, two doubles and five singles to humble the Chinese lads by 16 counters to 3.

The losers managed to connect for only three safeties of which one was a three-bagger by Choy, off the speedy pitching of "Sonny" Jock Brown who won his own ball game when he clouted a round-tripper with the sacks loaded in the fifth frame.

Bimby Ablong and Chuck Quinn topped the batting averages for the winners while veteran P. F. Choy garnered a similar 2-in-3 to pace the Chung Hwa hitters.

CYCLONES UPSET

Heavy stickwork by the Chinese baseballers resulted in a 9-3 win over "Sunburn" Omar's Cyclones who were only able to connect for four scattered singles off the hurling of Denham Cray while the winners were belting fifteen safeties off the easy offerings of Cyclone Pinky Pineda.

Johnny Fisher and Nip Lum improved their batting figures both with three singles in four trips to the pan while Willie Wilson, Wally Ching, Denham Cray and George White were helping themselves to two in four.

"Sunburn" Omar himself came up with the fielding gem of the game when he froze onto Nip Lum's drive to centre, in a style reminiscent of Hank Ali at his showiest, and in addition to this garnered one of his team's four singles.

Apart from a well-timed double killing by Chuck Waggoner, Pete Pitch and Frank Crews, there was little of interest in the meeting of the Mohawks and the Canadian Chinese after the former had put the game in the bag with an eight run barrage in the very first frame.

The Canucks also pulled a double play when Bill Ing snared Chuck Waggoner's fly and threw to take Bill for the latter to nab Joe Morris in the sixth stanza.

The final score was 10-1 in the Mohawks' favour but the margin could have been greater had the winners really bote down.

LEAGUE STANDING

The various League standings are as follows:

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

VALLEY TRAINING TIMES

The following times were clocked during training gallops held at Happy Valley yesterday morning:

	Dist	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Last
	Tance	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.
Dutch Treat	1	31.3	1.01	1.31	2.02.2	31.2
Hughes	2	37.1	1.11.2	1.44	2.02	32.3
Vixen Tot	2	35.2	1.08.2	1.38.4	2.02	30.2
Thirty Six	1	36	1.08.4	1.40	2.10.4	30.4
Starlight and Moonlight	2	32	1.01.3	1.29.2	2.02	27.4
Galveston Bay	2	32.3	1.04.1	1.36.1	2.02	32
Night Express	3	34	1.05.2	1.36.4	2.02	31.2
King's Flight	1	36.4	1.11	1.44	2.14.3	30.3
Daylight and Velvetlight	1	34.3	1.09	1.41	2.11.2	30.2
Distant View	1	34.2	1.08.2	1.36	2.03	27
Rose Emily	4	35.3	1.07.2	1.38	2.03	30.3
Rose Evelyn	4	34	1.09	1.40.2	2.02	31.2
Johnber	1	36.2	1.10.3	1.44	2.13.4	29.4
Avon	1	37	1.12.4	1.46.4	2.21.2	34.3
Santa Anita	1	34.3	1.06.3	1.36.4	2.02	30.1
First Love	1	33	1.04.4	1.35	2.03.4	28.4
Vixen major	1	32	1.16.1	1.47.1	2.15.3	28.2
Jober	4	30.4	1.01.2	1.31.2	2.02	30
King's Welcome	4	32.2	1.03.2	1.30.4	2.02	27.2
Gloaming	2	33.2	1.07	1.37.2	2.02	30.2
Red Feather	3	38.2	1.13.4	1.46	2.21.2	32.1
Vanity Fair	4	32.3	1.02.4	1.31	2.02	28.1
Prairie View	1	39	1.14	1.47	2.16	29
Ozark	1	36	1.10.3	1.44	2.14	30
Lovely Star	3	38.1	1.13	1.43.1	2.02	32.1
Hillsboro Bay	1	34	1.10.4	1.45.2	2.19.2	34
Lex Forti	1	35	1.09	1.41.2	2.12.2	31
A Blossom Time	1	37	1.10	1.42	2.14	32
Never Never and Corriedoc	1	38.1	1.13.1	1.46.4	2.17.1	30.2
National Welfare	1	33	1.12	1.44	2.13.3	29.3
Ronson	1	33.1	1.13.1	1.49	2.20.3	31.3
Surprise Again	1	40.1	1.15	1.46	2.15.2	29.2
Just In Time	2	28	1.00	1.33.2	2.02	33.2
Bendemeer	1	31.2	1.03.3	1.34.2	2.02	27.3
Mountain View	3	38	1.08.1	1.37	2.14	28.4
Saratoga and Joan	2	37.1	1.08.2	1.35.3	2.14	29.1
Man O' War	2	39	1.14	1.45.2	2.14	31.2
A Grand Time	1	36	1.12	1.45	2.15	30
National Courage and National Blessings	1	33	1.04	1.33	2.02.3	29.3

ARMY CRICKET FINAL

Sappers Dismissed For 145

The two-day match in the final of the Large Units Cricket Competition between Royal Engineers and Combined Small Units (Sookunpoo) 2 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony Championships at HKCC.

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

CRICKET.—Final of Large Units Cricket Competition, Royal Engineers v. Combined Small Units (Sookunpoo) 2 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony Championships at HKCC.

TOMORROW

MEETING.—Annual of the Lawn Tennis Association, at the Hong Kong Cricket Club, 5.30 p.m.

BADMINTON.—Colony Championships (At Recreio), Men's Junior Singles, H.S. Jones v. P. C. Leung (7 p.m.); A.L. Fisher v. Peter Lo or R.M. Lavalle (7.45 p.m.); N.L. Smith v. P. Wynter-Blyth (8.30 p.m.); J.L. Anderson v. J. Hooi or E. Zimmerman (9.15 p.m.); E. Gillespie v. D. Chelliah or W.C. Chung (10 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships at HKCC.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

CRICKET.—First Division: Recreio v. I.R.C.; C.S.C.C. v. H.K.U.

Second Division: K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.

FOOTBALL.—First Division: Sing Tao Club (Club), 4.30 p.m.

Police v. Royal Scots (Boundary Street), 4.30 p.m.

Second Division: Engineers v. Kit Chee (Sookunpoo), 4.30 p.m.

Wah Yee Service Corps (Kowloon), 4.30 p.m.

Police v. Sing Tao (Boundary Street), 3 p.m.

Ordinance v. Middlesex (Sookunpoo), 3 p.m.

Navy v. South China (Causeway Bay), 3 p.m.

Club v. 30th R.A. (Club), 3 p.m.

Third Division: 24th R.A. v. Signals (St. Joseph's), 3 p.m.

Air Force v. International (Chatham Road), 3 p.m.

3rd R.A. v. 36th R.A. Military, 3 p.m.

12th R.A. v. Shell (Military), 4.30 p.m.

20th R.A. v. Royal Engineers (Kowloon), 3 p.m.

2nd AS.A. v. Engineers (Kowloon), 3 p.m.

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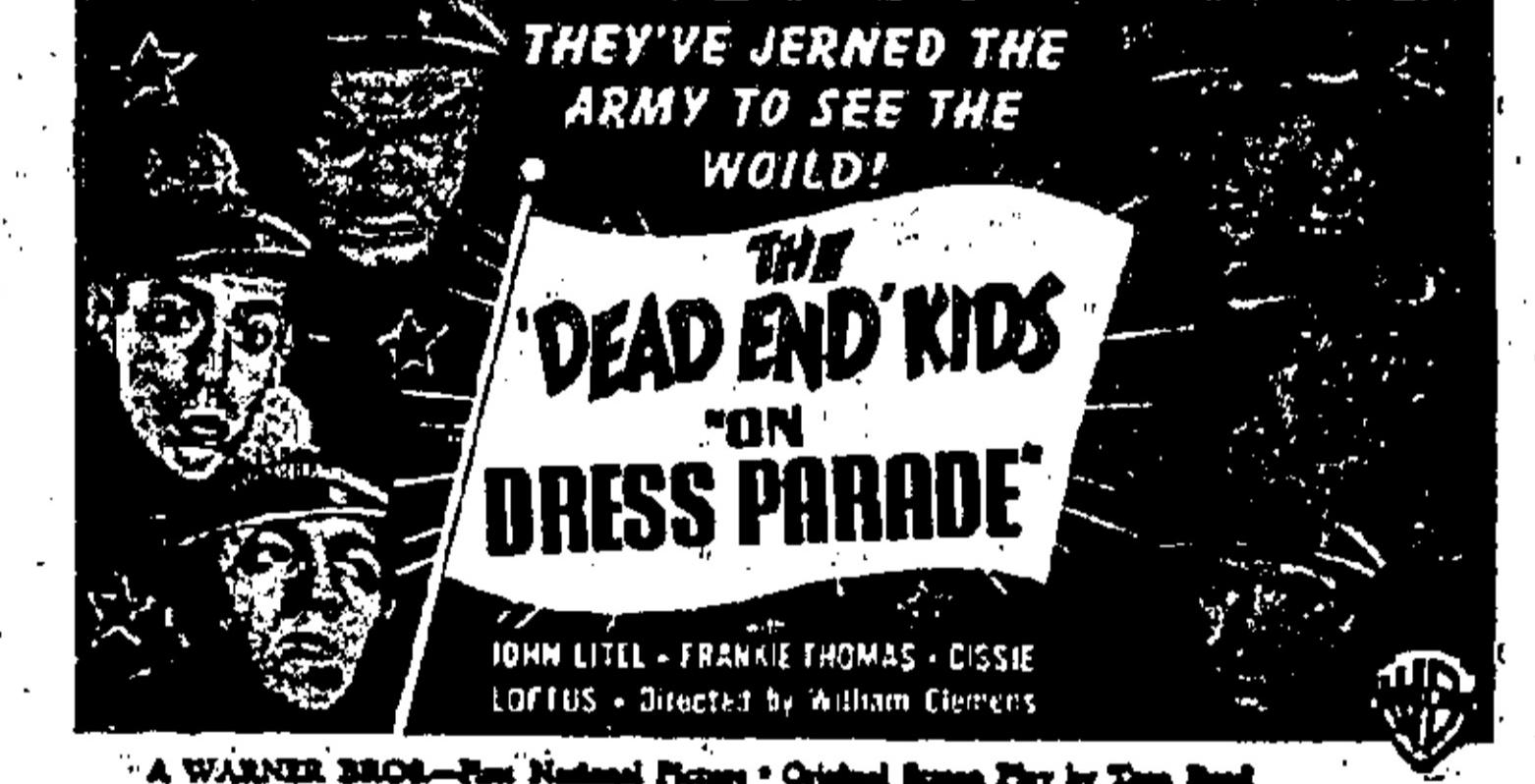
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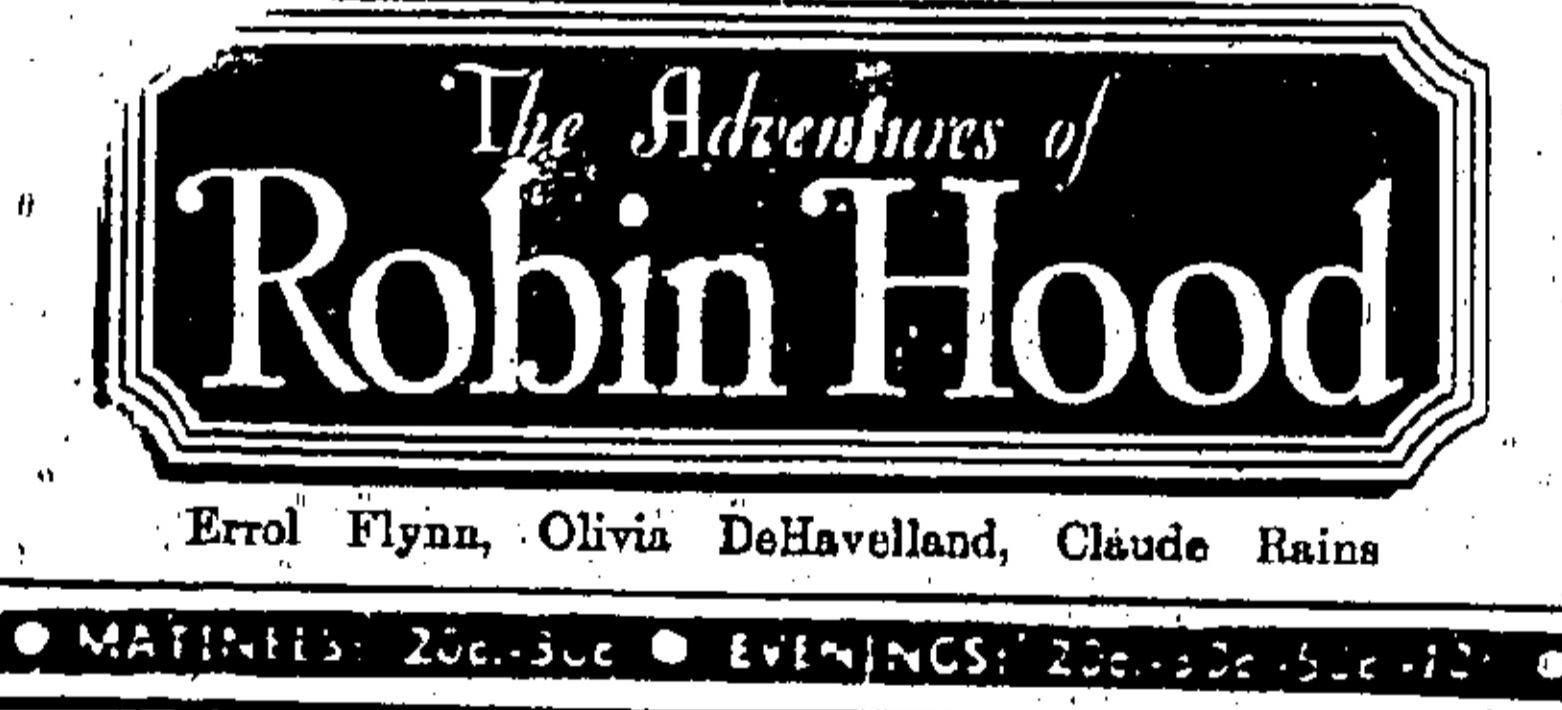
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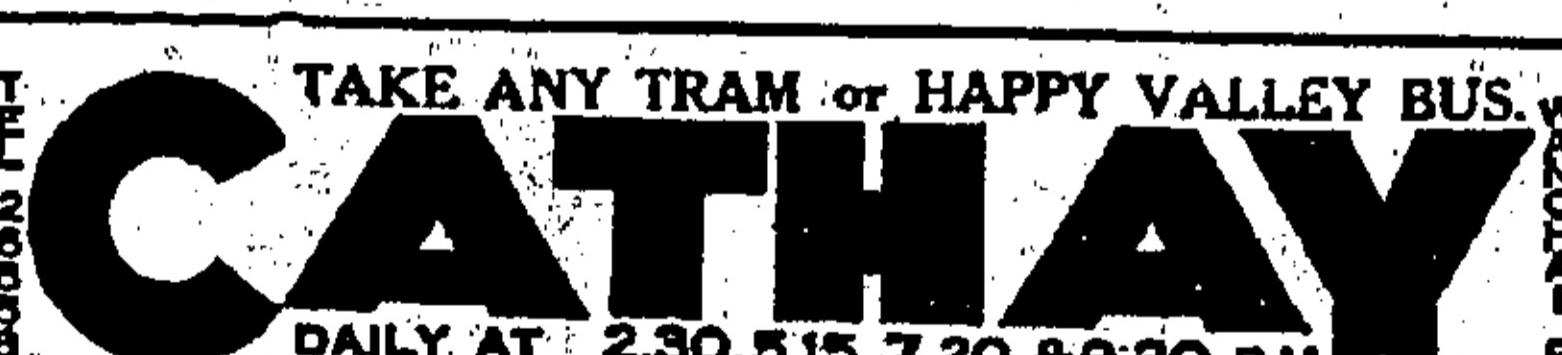
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Radio Programmes

HONGKONG

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CHOPIN ANDANTE SPIANATO AND GRAND POLONNAISE

Local Newsletter

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Variety.

Accordion — Ma Petite Java (Castellini) — Gigetto Castoncelli. Impersonations—Florence Desmond at a Rehearsal for the Troops — Florence Desmond with Orchestra. Accordion — Czardas (Monti) — Gigetto Castoncelli with Piano. Comedian—Weeping Willow — Max Miller with Orchestra. Hawaiian Guitar Duet—Clelie Lindo (Beautiful Heaven) — Ferera and Paaluli. Comedian — You Can't Go Away Like That — Max Miller with Orch. Hawaiian Guitar Dust—O Sole Mio (Di Capua) — Ferera and Paaluli. Vocal—It Don't Mean Thing (Ellington) — The Boswell Sisters with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) and Terence Casey (Organ).

Once in a While (Green-Edwards) — Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano. In A Clock Store (Orth) — In A Bird Store (Lake) — Terence Casey (Organ). The Moon Remembered But You Forgot (Evertyn-Gay) — Why Begin Again (Shavers and Others) — Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.

1.16 Billy Mayerl—Aquarium Suite. Willow Moss — Moorish Idol — Fan-tail — Whirligig — Billy Mayerl (Piano) and His Orchestra.

1.30 Renter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from Puccini's Operas.

'La Boheme' — Yes, They Call Me Mimi — Claudio Muzio (Soprano) with Orchestra. 'Tocca' Selection — Marek Weber and His Orchestra. 'La Boheme' — Lovely Maid of the Moonlight — Rosetta Pampanini and Dino Borgioli with Orch. Goodbye To Sweet Awakening — Rosetta Pampanini, Dino Borgioli, Aurora Bettore and Gino Vanelli with Orch. 'Manon Lescaut' — Intermezzo — Milan Symphony Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

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8.02 Some Welsh Songs.

Two Old Welsh Songs: Adieu to dear Cambria; Mentra Gwen — Evan Williams (Tenor) w. Orchestra. To Little Thatched Cottage (arr. Osborne Roberts); David of the White Rock (arr. Osborne Roberts) — Lella Megane (Contralto) with Piano.

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.20 A Chopin Programme.

Tarantelle, Op. 43 — Alfred Cortot (Piano). Etude No. 7, Op. 25 — Lenore String Quartet. Valse De L'Adieu — Ninon Vallin (Soprano) with Piano acc. Mazurka in A Minor, Op. Posth. 67, No. 4 — Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano acc. Andante Spianato and Grande Polonoise. Brillante, Op. 22 — Louis Kentner (Piano).

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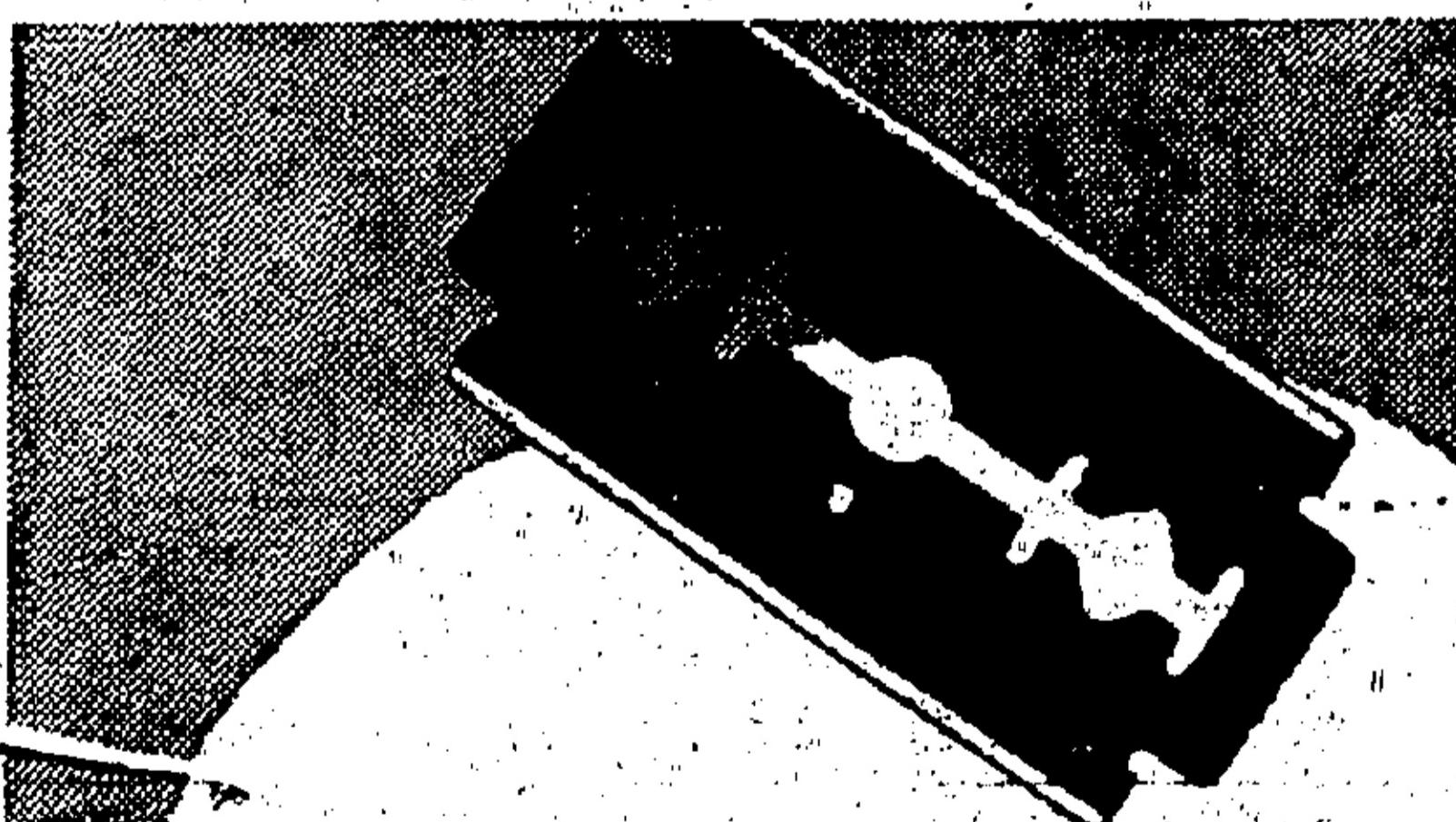
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BRITAIN'S PEACE AND WAR AIMS DEFINED BY LORD HALIFAX AT PILGRIM SOC. DINNER

BRITISH CLOSING IN ON HARRAR

Threat To Addis Ababa Growing Daily

CAIRO, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—British Imperial forces thrusting westward from Jijiga in Abyssinia through the newly conquered March Pass have reached points within 20 miles of the important town of Harrar.

Operations in this area are stated to be proceeding extremely well. The capture of Harrar, which is without strong fortifications, would seriously threaten the Addis Ababa-Djibuti Railway and the town of Diredawa on that railway some 30 miles north-west of Harrar.

The Italian General Dessimoni is believed to have a garrison of between 12,000 and 15,000 men at Harrar and Diredawa.

THREAT TO ADDIS ABABA

In southern Abyssinia, the threat to Addis Ababa is growing daily as the Imperial forces continue to advance northward from Neghelli along the Italian-built highway to the capital.

North-west of Addis Ababa, Abyssinian patriot troops are containing some 18,000 Italian and native troops at Debra Marcos.

Meanwhile in Eritrea, fighting is going on with unabated fury in the hills around the Italian stronghold of Keren.

AIR ACTIVITY

The R.A.F. bombed enemy troop positions in Keren on Sunday from dawn to dusk, dropping over ten tons.

That night heavy British bombers swept over Tripolitania to attack shipping at Sirte and bombing at Tamet. Damage is believed to have been considerable although clouds made it impossible to see the details.

Slight damage was done by enemy aircraft which raided Malta on Monday.

Washington Pleased

SOVIET ASSURANCE TO TURKEY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—United States satisfaction at the Soviet assurance to Turkey, which is regarded here as an "unprecedented move," was expressed by the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles.

He told the press conference yesterday that "it was a measure of satisfaction to the United States when a great Power like the Soviet Union reaffirms its intention of maintaining its comprehensive neutrality in the event of a neighbouring country suffering an attack."

Mr. Welles also indicated that the United States took active diplomatic measures in an effort to persuade Yugoslavia to resist the Axis demands.

CONTROL OF DARDANELLS
NEW YORK Mar. 26 (Reuter)—Fear of German control of the Dardanelles is the motive of Russia's renewed pledge to Turkey, according to the Foreign Editor of the New York World Telegram.

He thinks that the undertaking is stronger than it appears.

POPE TO RECEIVE MR. MATSUOKA

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—Mr. Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, will be received by His Holiness the Pope during the former's visit to Rome.

The German controlled radio, in making this announcement, claims that it has been confirmed by the Vatican.

CHUNGKING GOVT. APPOINTMENTS

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Central)—The National Government, in a series of mandates issued yesterday, announced the appointments of Dr. P. W. Kuo to be Administrative Vice-Minister of Finance; Mr. Hwang Pai-tu Administrative Vice-Minister of Interior, and Mr. Chu Yachuan Secretary of the Ministry of Social Welfare.

Dr. P. W. Kuo, well-known Chinese educator and formerly President of the Southeastern University in Nanking, is now in London.

GENERAL

Common Bond With U.S. Sealed Anew By Passage Of The Lease And Lend Bill

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—Britain's war and peace aims were defined by Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, in a speech at a dinner of the Pilgrim Society here last night as winning the war, preventing a repetition of such a tragedy and helping to ensure future prosperity justly shared.

Lord Halifax opened with a high tribute to the work of the late Lord Lothian for Anglo-American understanding. "The fruits of his labour stand today for all the world to see. He would not, I think, have wished any better monument." He attributed the steady drawing together of the thought of their two countries to the instinctive reaction of the two peoples, to the challenge of the new philosophy of totalitarian dictatorship. As the struggle had grown more intense, reason and conscience combined to make them both realize even more clearly the dark menace to things equally precious to both countries. This common purpose was sealed anew by the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill.

"It is difficult to exaggerate what this means. Across the seas in the front line which is Britain, as in the hearts of those submerged for a time under the German wave, there will be felt new confidence; in the enemy camp, new doubts, as all alike will remember the history of the last war, and the time is surely approaching when the weight of this nation must tip the scales."

Lord Halifax defined the Nazi system as "bondage, bodily, spiritual, political and economic," and said that Hitler's "new order" would divide the world into Germans as the master race and the other nations as a second-class people with their rights and interests subordinated to those of the ruling caste.

For Europe, such a system involved the shackling of industry and commerce, ruthless compulsion instead of free contract, and permanent enslavement of all peoples. But the German ambitions did not stop at Europe.

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HITLER'S DESIGNS

"Already Hitler is scheming to over-run great tracts of Africa and Asia. Across what now becomes the Straits of Dakar the invader of Africa, if he could once establish undisputed mastery of Europe, could swiftly pounce upon your Latin neighbours in the south."

"The American continent, as a standing challenge to German domination, could be attacked before it had time to arm in self-defence. In any case the doors of trade in Europe, Asia and Africa would be closed to it except on the terms laid down by Germany."

"Would Hitler attempt this last and greatest act of highway robbery? We cannot tell. Some will advance arguments against the likelihood of his so acting; he might indeed achieve much the same result without actual armed attack. Others may surely feel with greater force that where national security is involved, it is not enough to rely upon the disputed balance of probability."

Lord Halifax continued: "This struggle is a mortal clash of two philosophies and we only delude ourselves if we suppose that the civilisation that we share with you could survive a Nazi victory. It is not only with physical invasion that we are concerned, but with spiritual invasion which, if permitted, would work greater havoc than all the tons of high explosive that it is in the power of the German air force to unload."

WAR AIMS DEFINED

Lord Halifax declared, "We will never accept Hitler's new order." He defined the principal war aim of Britain and her Allies as the winning of this life and death struggle for the cause of human freedom, but he added that victory would be Dead Sea fruit unless we could also achieve what must be the greatest peace aim of securing the world as far as humanly possible against a repetition of this tragedy. When this great battle was won nations which had preserved or regained their freedom would have a sovereign opportunity to show what freedom means and what it can do for the welfare of mankind.

It is not possible now to draw detailed plans for the future structure of the community of nations but we are already in a position to provide a basis where an agreement must be founded.

Nations could exist in freedom and security only if they were prepared to co-operate for mutual economic welfare and if need be for mutual defense.

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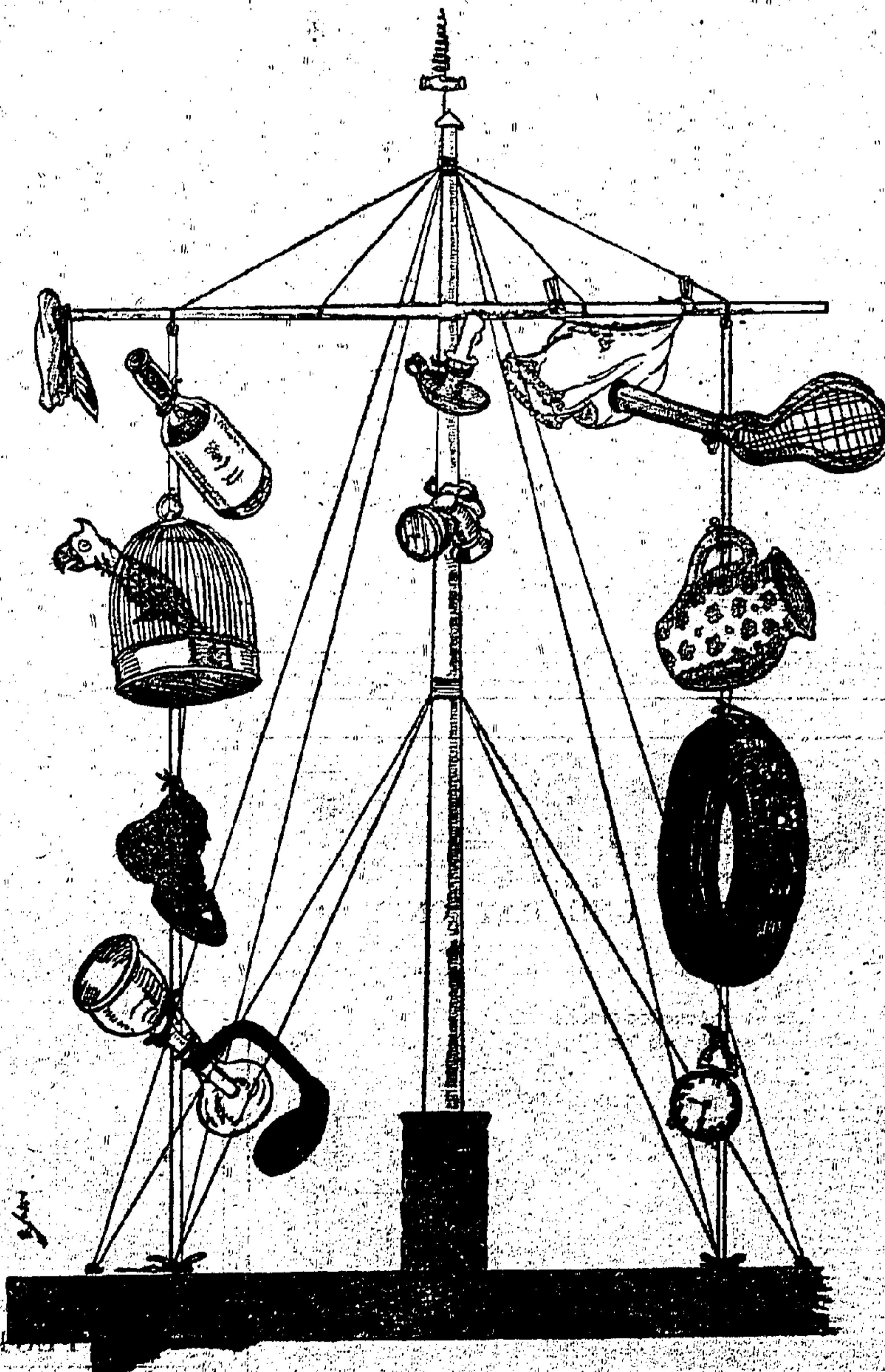
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"This is all wrong!"



But—H.B.'s all right!"

MR. KOBZA QUESTIONED AT LENGTH ON VARIATIONS OF HIS AGREEMENT WITH THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER

Cheques Counter-Signed By Secretary

When the Commission of Inquiry resumed its sitting, at the Supreme Court, yesterday morning, Mr. Eugene Alexander Kobza-Nagy, who was accompanied by Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth, of Messrs. Deacons, was questioned at some length on the agreement entered into between Mr. R. A. D. Forrest and himself in January.

The Commission comprises His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor (Chairman), Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. David Drummond, Mr. H. K. Woo and Mr. K. M. A. Barnett (Secretary).

At the commencement of the sitting, Mr. Wynter-Blyth said that they hoped to be able to let the Commission have six copies of Mr. Kobza's statement but, owing to Volunteer duties, et cetera, was unable to do so. Mr. Wynter-Blyth went on to say that if they had been present at the first sitting of the Commission, they would have asked Mr. Pudney one or two questions.

In reply to his solicitor, Mr. Kobza, said that he has been in Hongkong for the past 11 years, and that he first thought of taking photographs for the Immigration Office at the beginning of November.

PASSPORT PHOTOS

After he had written to the Colonial Secretary he received a telephone call from Mr. Forrest at the Post Office to call there. On arrival, he was asked by Mr. Forrest and Mr. J. H. B. Lee if he knew how much the ordinary photographers' prices were for two passport photos, and whether it was possible to turn out a large amount of photos in 24 hours.

His reply was, said Mr. Kobza, was that to the best of his knowledge the price was \$1, remarking at the same time, that for quantity work \$1 was too much and that 50 cents was ample. When asked if he could charge that price he replied in the affirmative, and agreed to set up a studio in the Immigration Office in Marina House.

When his appointment was approved by the Colonial Secretary on Jan. 13, he was asked by Mr. Forrest the following day to be prepared to open the studio on Jan. 18, which he did. He was later asked to open studios in the Depot, at Wanchai, and, still later, at Tai Po, Un Long, Shataukok, Lokmachaun, and Sheungshui, in the New Territories. He was also asked to have mobile studios ready for the New Territories.

2,000 PRINTS DAILY

At the beginning, went on Mr. Kobza, he produced about 2,000 prints (4,000 photos) daily, but in December, it came to a sudden stop. The cause was that certain agencies, which were opened with the permission of the Immigration Officer, had their touts approach people on their way up to his studio with cards stating that "such-and-such a company would do everything for a person at the shortest possible time at a lower



Mr. Walter de Velder and his bride, formerly Miss Harriet Boot, who were married at the Registry yesterday.—(King's Studio).

KOWLOON TONG G.C.A. ANNUAL MTG. CLUB BUILDING TOO SMALL

MISSIONARY MARRIED

Miss Harriet Boot, missionary, of Phillips House, Kowloon, was married to Mr. Walter de Velder, missionary, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, by the Registrar of Marriages, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday by special licence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced at the Registry yesterday:

Andrew Owen Devlin, L/Bdr. (A.C.), Royal Artillery, Gun Club Hill, and Miss Hau May-oi, of No. 14 Jordan Road, Kowloon;

Tsang Kok-chor, Chinese medical doctor, of No. 2 Fuk Ting St., Un Long, and Miss Lee Mo-ching, of the same address.

SLIGHT ABATEMENT IN CHOLERA

Ten cases of Cholera were noted as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ending on Tuesday, a drop of 16 compared to the Returns for Monday. Of the total reported on Tuesday eight were from the Victoria Registration District, and one each from Old and New Kowloon and Aberdeen, and Rural Hongkong.

Other diseases notified are as follows—Chicken-pox, one case; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, 10 cases; Measles, two cases; Tuberculosis, 49 cases.

With reference to the financial side, the Club is in quite a sound position. We have been able to make a profit of \$1,194.45, which sum is transferred to the Reserve Account, and after paying off seven debentures, we still have 188 outstanding.

NEW COMMITTEE

The following members were elected to the Committee from which the chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer will be chosen:

Messrs. A. H. Basto, A. E. H. Castro, Chan Yip-cho, Cheung Kuan-kuen, H. Gittins, Kwan Sun-ying, F. H. Kwok, Lee Kam-ming, Mok Lin, H. M. Shu, B. de Souza, F. W. Stapleton, U. Sz-wing, H. F. Un, Wong Chak-nam, J. N. Wong and Peter S. Wong.

Mr. Kobza went on to say that sometime in February he learned from Mr. Pudney that he was handling Government money. He went to see Mr. Pudney again, accompanied by Mr. Forrest, and they discussed the matter referred to by Mr. Pudney in his statement.

"On Feb. 22 I went to see Mr. Pudney again. I told him that I was not seeing him at the Accountant-General but as Mr. Pudney, I asked him to tell me if I were doing anything wrong." Mr. Pudney, in that interview, asked him, said Mr. Kobza, whether he was in a position to put up \$2,000 as security. "He then asked me if I was in a position to put up \$5,000, and I said I could." Mr. Pudney, however, took no further notice of the matter.

GOVERNMENT SHROFFS

He did not remember, said Mr. Kobza, whether he brought up the question of Government shroffs with Mr. Pudney, but he did so with Mr. Forrest several times. Mr. Forrest replied that that was impossible as he himself had not got any and could not, therefore, see how he could spare any.

He was, at all times, prepared to provide for security, if desired.

For the past 11 years, went on Mr. Kobza, he had been employed by Government in a position of trust. "For the past 11 years, I have been employed to look after the Government art treasures, more often I have had Govern-

ment property of extraordinary value in my custody."

The value of the equipment in his studio, in the Immigration Office, was \$10,000.

Chairman: Mr. Kobza, a few moments ago, apropos of your interview with Mr. Pudney you mentioned the question of having Government shroffs in your office. What made you think of that?

I wanted to be on the safe side. I knew there was a certain amount of responsibility for the monies which the clients were paying and that was why I suggested having shroffs to handle the money.

But why Government shroffs?

I did not mean shroffs employed by Government but approved of

Government art treasures.

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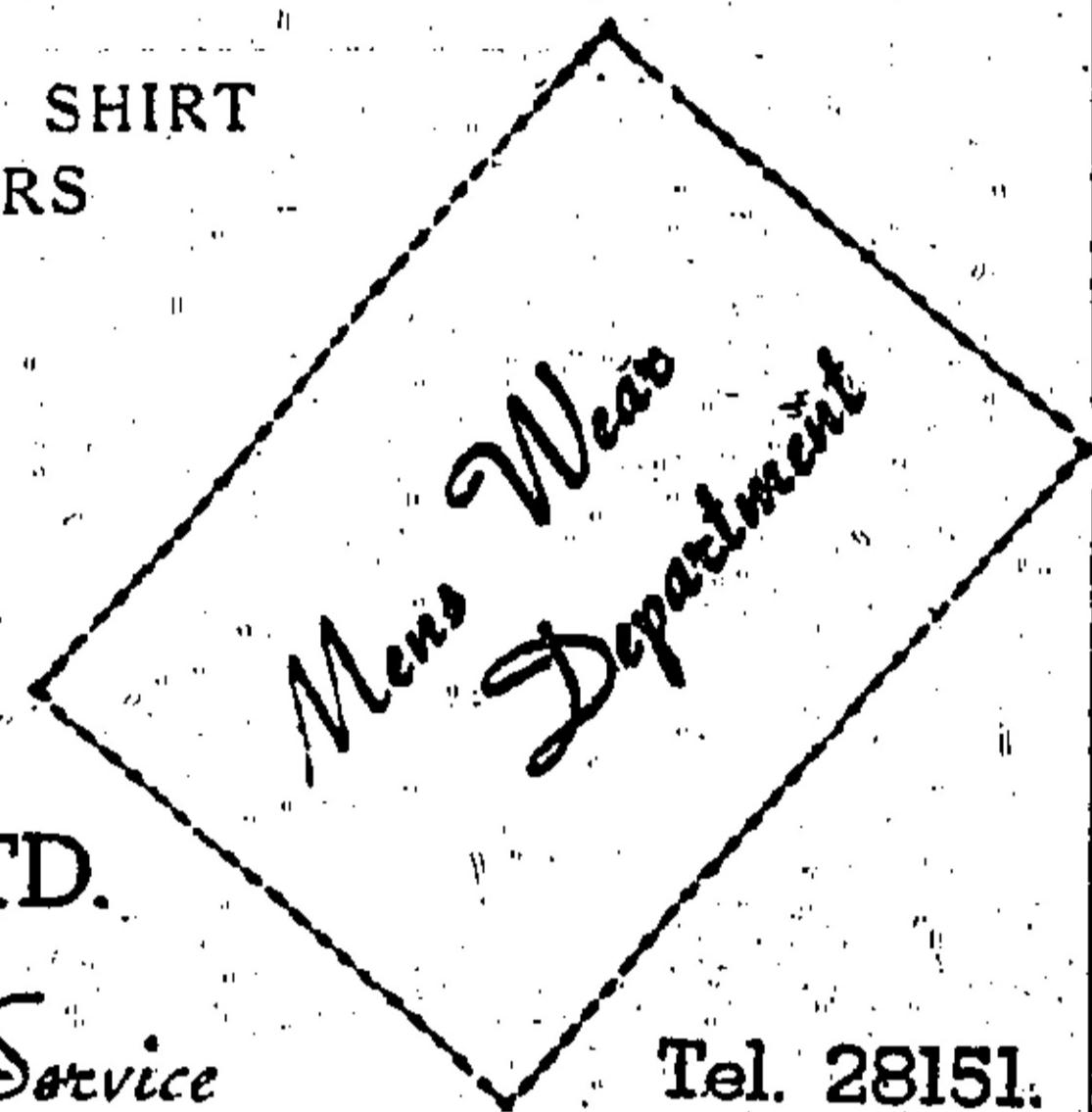
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

As from to-day the prices of H.B. Beer (Plins and Quarts) will be increased by \$3.00 per case.

THE HONGKONG BREWERY & DISTILLERY LTD.

27th March, 1941.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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HONGKONG, MARCH 27, 1941.

MR. J. MCKELVIE
NEW PRESIDENT
OF K.B.G.C.

Mr. J. McKelvie was elected President of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in succession to Mr. K. Hamilton at the annual meeting of the Club held yesterday.

Messrs. C. Bond, W. B. Hedley and R. Duncan were elected Life Members.

The retiring President, Mr. Hamilton, remarked on the number of members who had left during the past year and referred also to Mr. T. E. Robson, who had preceded him in office as President and has lately been transferred to New York.

Members stood a few moments in silence in memory of the late Mr. J. C. Brown.

NEW OFFICE-BEARERS

Mr. J. G. Meyer was elected Vice-President, office-bearers also elected were: Hon. Treas. H. White; Hon. Sec. E. A. Atkins; Bowls Convenor, R. P. Phillips; Ground Convenor, S. C. Walker.

General Committee, B. Wylie, G. E. F. Thompson, L. Guy and D. W. Waterton; Ballot Committee, J. Gill, E. V. Searle, W. Houston, J. Grinster, G. Sheriff and R. Duncan.

The following members expressed their desire to donate prizes this year:—Messrs. B. Wylie, R. P. Phillips, H. White, D. W. Waterton, P. J. Hamilton, L. Guy, L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, W. Grinster, K. C. Hamilton, C. Wallace, C. E. Turpin, E. A. Atkins, H. Nish, G. E. F. Thompson, H. J. Blackwell, A. E. E. Jeffries and R. Duncan.

The question of whether the tennis courts should or should not be turned into a full length bowling green was left to the incoming General Committee.

MINE TRAGEDY

Five persons are missing, believed dead, and three injured have been admitted to hospital, as the result of a fishing boat striking a drifting mine in Leung Kun Tan, Castle Peak, yesterday.

It is understood that while the men were fishing they hauled up an object believed to be a drifting mine, in their net.

\$500 REWARD

A reward of \$500 is offered for information regarding 35-year-old Chol Wan-lam, for whom a warrant for arrest has been issued for the larceny of the sum of \$8,364.30 on Mar. 5, the property of Tang Man-tin, compradore of the Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger (Belgian Bank), of 4A Des Voeux Road Central.

DEATH OF BANK GOVERNOR

LONDON, March 28 (Reuters)—Sir Henry Sheehan, Governor of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, died today at the age of 53.

hardships elsewhere, detracted from any value they might have and where an obvious course for Government action is indicated, delay and niggardly steps to do so have only contributed to the lack of confidence with which the people regard such a move. Bishop Hall made a reference in his address to the high price of living and pointed to the reaction which he himself had witnessed when Government control of firewood sales made its belated appearance. Rackets and ramps in the matter of the sale of essential foodstuffs are continuing to make the living conditions of the poorer classes almost desperate and it is difficult to see why similar action cannot be taken to bring about a reduction in the price of those commodities on which the ordinary and poorly paid working man and his family have to subsist. These are some of the more important aspects in which social reform is needed—those glaring inequalities to which Bishop Hall referred—and only a spontaneous response to his appeal can remedy these appalling conditions.

GUILTY as the community and its leaders are for permitting this state of affairs to continue, the Government must be regarded as an accessory to the fact. In not one instance has sufficient foresight and vision been displayed in the passing of a new measure or in undertaking some scheme from which the people are supposed to derive benefits. The method and manner of putting these into operation have, by imposing

LATEST WAR-TIME ORGANISATION

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuters)—"The Queen's Messengers" is the latest war-time organisation.

With the Queen's consent, the title will be borne by units that will rush food and comforts to badly bombed towns.

The Queen has presented one convoy of eight vehicles while 17 other similar convoys are being provided from American funds.

A.R.P. ORDERS

MARCH 26, 1941.
A.R.P. Orders by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

STORES AND EQUIPMENT

Divisional Wardens of Hongkong are reminded that a certified list of all stores and equipment on charge of their divisions on March 31, must be forwarded to reach this office not later than April 7.

MOBILISATION OF WARDENS

All members of the Corps mobilised for duty in connexion with the taking of the Census are placed on leave without pay as from March 16, with the exception of those whose services have been retained for special employment.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

The following Wardens have been permitted to resign:—393 Tai Pak-hong who is struck off the strength 662 Man Shiu-hun, 1198 Wu Che-tak and 1608 Miss Li Si-yung of Upper Levels, 2607 Mak Kai-cheong, Yau-mati, 1947 S/W Hung Wing-hing, 2013 Wong Sing-yuen, 2758 Lau Chau and 2763 Pang Tong of Shamshui-poo.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

2995 Miss Ng Soo, Quarry Bay, to 24 Upper Station Street, 2nd floor, Upper Levels, 554 Ho Sik, Shamshui-poo, to 2 Sui Wah-fong, 2nd floor, Upper Levels, 1178 Leung Siu-chow, Mongkoktsui, to 132A Sheung Sha Po Village, Kowloon City, 1972, Miss Wong Fung-hing, Shamshui-poo, to 218 Lockhart Road, 1st floor, Eastern, 2024 Miss Chan Chor-wing, 2025 Miss Ng Ying-har, 2026 Miss Ng Ying-mun of Shamshui-poo, to 235 Queen's Road Central, 2082 Ng Min-yu, 2102 Ying Sze-choy and 2117 Chan Cheung-ting, Kowloon City, to Ling Tung Middle School, 103 Austin Road, Yau-mati, 679 G/W Chan Hin-iau, Upper Levels, to 387 Hennessy Road, Eastern, 1411 Mok Wah-tung, Aberdeen, to 77 Robinson Road, Upper Levels.

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are notified:
Shamshui-poo.—To be Group Warden (as from Feb. 19) S/W 1920 Ng Yuk-key; To be Senior Wardens (as from March 28) 2001 W. Chin-fen and 3132 Yu Ka-kul.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

560 Miss Elaine Mok, granted 2 months' leave as from March 19; 485 (T) J. Mak, Central, granted two weeks' sick leave as from March 24; 3508 (T) Mrs. E. M. Groves (Head-quarters) granted 3 months' leave as from March 28; 1738 Miss Cheung Yee-wing, granted one month's leave as from March 27; S/W 1999 Cheung Do-ning, two weeks' leave as from March 20; Deputy Group Warden 1943 Wong See-wah, 3 months' leave as from March 18.

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

Wardens' Class in English (Syllabus "A")—

A.R.P. School, Happy Valley, Mondays and Fridays at 5.30 p.m. commencing on Monday, March 31. Lecturer—Mr. B. Williams.

Wardens' Class in Chinese (Syllabus "A")—

C310 Taikuo Sugar Refinery Free School, Quarry Bay, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. commencing on March 27. Lecturer—Mr. Lam Kwok-chuk, L.A.R.P.S.; C311 Ellis Kadodre School, Hospital Road, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.30 p.m. commencing on March 28. Lecturer—Mr. Chak Kwong-kul, L.A.R.P.S.; C312 18, Essex Crescent, Kowloon Town, Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. commencing on March 27. Lecturer—Mr. Kwan Man-wai, L.A.R.P.S.; C313 Wah Yan College, Nelson Street, Kowloon. Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. commencing on March 2. Lecturer—Mr. Ma Kam-kong, L.A.R.P.S.

First Aid Lectures—Shamshui-poo Division:—A series of First Aid Lectures will be given by Dr. Lam Kau-chung, at Hing Cheung School, 379 Nathan Road, commencing on March 24, for District "A" Wardens.

MEETINGS

Attestation Meetings.—There will be no attestations in Hongkong or in Kowloon next week.

Shamshui-poo Division.—A meeting of District Wardens and their Deputies will be held at the Yee Kuk Street Dispensary on Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m.

EXERCISE

Shamshui-poo.—District "A" Exercise will be held on Sunday, March 20, commencing 2.30 p.m. Dress—uniform, steel helmets and respirators. Report Centre Staff will parade as ordered.

(Sgd.) B. H. PUCKLE,
Deputy Director of A.R.P.

"FROM THE OLD COUNTRY":

"WE HAVE NO NEED TO FEAR," SAYS ROBERT DONAT: THE HOPE OF LIBERTY

"Sir Rabindranath Tagore, the Indian poet, said that once society allows itself to be turned into a perfect organisation of power, there are few crimes which it is unable to perpetrate," said MR. ROBERT DONAT, the screen and stage star, when he gave his weekly broadcast talk from London yesterday in the series "From the Old Country."

Donat. "That is why this Italian writer condemned the rules for making society not a living organism, but a mechanism. His great answer to this way of life is that the secret of life is the secret of liberty—liberty in every thought, every action that has the character of truth and goodness."

SURVIVAL OF LIBERTY

"Liberty has always lived a perilous life, but it is the stimulus in resisting evil. It is history in the making. Under the worst despotism, liberty has survived and it is such men as this Italian author who fix the milestones in the infinite progress of the infinite spirit. It is great and unconquerable and freedom seemed to meet the needs of the confused men and women of today."

"And so, out of pure cussedness, I looked up the word 'complacent' in the dictionary, which gave it as meaning 'satisfied' or 'in a pleasant mood.' Well, there it is. You can take your choice of the two, but I am putting my money on 'in a pleasant mood.' It is more liberal-minded than the other."

"Talking of liberals, one of those rare trumpet calls that Mr. Churchill sounds has now been sounded from Europe. The greatest Italian of all has struck a blow for liberty while still living in his native land undismayed and unafraid."

Here Mr. Donat referred to a book written by an Italian author on "The History and Story of Liberty."

CONFUSION AND DOUBT

"There are a great many people in the world today who are hopelessly confused by the swift and conflicting march of events," went on Mr. Donat. "This is worldwide and has come to every colour and creed. Man's mind, is now filled with doubt. These doubts increase and steps that may have been sure and steady are beginning to falter."

"This means that he is not sure of what is the cause he fights for and he searches for guidance. He reaches for the map and even as he holds it, frontiers change and nations crumble."

"Until these many doubts are set at rest, I don't believe our cause will be secured. What is it all about? There is one thing common to many troubled minds and that is doubt itself. Perhaps there is someone who is torring in the prison camps in Germany or maybe one of your own Australian boys waiting to be called up."

A GREAT HOPE

"But behind this common denominator of doubt there is also a great hope. He has great hope who never had fear" said somebody" said Mr. Donat, and then went on to quote some well-known lines from Tennyson on the subject of doubt.

"Remove doubt and remove fear and the mind of man will be clear and undimmed," continued Mr. Donat. "Meanwhile, he stands waiting, watching, hoping, listening."

"I think we need have no fear. Out of the very heart of the prison camps of Europe this voice has now sounded. It presents us with a great philosophy. Its message will steady the nerves of man. There are some men who are too distinguished to be forcibly silenced and so it is that he still proclaims his doctrine of youth. One is resisting tyranny in Europe—men and women who choose either to be assimilated or silenced. The other is the warning or defiance to the dictators."

WORSHIP OF IDOLATRY

Mr. Donat said that the Italian author described the new German state as the worship of idolatry. All men of such violent power, like all specialised beings, lack the free gift to which the human heart goes out. Their flatterers dress them up in magnanimity and they destroy the standards which made civilisation and which mark the difference between human and animal life.

"Sir Rabindranath Tagore (the Indian poet), said that once society allows itself to be turned into a perfect organisation of power, there are few crimes which it is unable to perpetrate," continued Mr.

LINCOLNSHIRE RESULT

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuters)—The result of the Lincolnshire Handicap was as follows:

1. Glooming; 2. Gaston; 3. Monopole.

TRAM-STRIKE SETTLED

SHANGHAI, Mar. 28 (Reuters)—After exactly a week, the French Concession tram strike is settled with an increase in the high cost of living allowance.

Entire service of trams and buses resumed operation this morning.

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UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Bodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
24th March, 1941.

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HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Ninety Seventh Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club will be held in the Club House on Thursday, March 27, 1941 at 5.30 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,
C. TRENCHEARD DAVIS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 20, 1941.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, Tytan Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase Price.

Rumoured Transfer Of Government Denied

BATAVIA, Mar. 26 (Reuters)—Jonkheer J. H. Ritman, a spokesman for the Government, emphatically denied at a press conference yesterday the rumours that the forthcoming visit to be made to the Netherlands East Indies by the Foreign Minister, Dr. E. N. van Kleefens, meant that the Dutch Government in London was planning to remove to the East Indies, states a Japanese report.

The spokesman disclosed that

HITLER FACED WITH MANY DIFFICULTIES DESPITE SUCCESS IN YUGOSLAVIA

"Herr Hitler has won a most remarkable victory over the politicians of Yugoslavia, but he will now face a most difficult position," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, M.P., when he broadcast from London yesterday on the latest turn in international politics as seen in Yugoslavia's adherence to the Axis Pact.

"By signing this document the Prime Minister of Yugoslavia might keep his country out of war, but will he be able to keep it independent?" went on Mr. Bartlett. "It does not really matter, because when Herr Hitler wants the country he will take it."

HITLER'S PROMISES

"Certainly, the agreement implies that the independence of Yugoslavia will be maintained, but that promise too does not matter to Herr Hitler."

Mr. Bartlett went on to express the view that Herr Hitler had never used his methods of preparation better than he did in the case of Yugoslavia. But even while the members of the Yugoslav Government were signing the document in Vienna, the people of Yugoslavia were discussing in every village their chances of fighting the aggressors.

Herr Hitler's difficulty would be with reconciling the people to this new situation, because the greater part of the population were Serbs, who since the last war had been enemies of Germany.

"Herr Hitler has hesitated a long time before deciding to march down the Struma Valley," said Mr. Bartlett. "I am, of course, speaking without an actual knowledge of the terms the Belgrade Government has accepted, but that does not really matter. In the present circumstances it must be looked upon as a prelude to an attack on Greece."

IMPRESSIVE FEATURE

"All Yugoslavia, including the Prime Minister, must know that although the agreement only grants permission to Germany to send hospital supplies, it really means that permission has been given to send an army across the country."

An impressive feature of the whole business has been the behaviour of the Serbs and the Croats. They have shown a strong desire to maintain their independence. The strongest protests have come from the Serbs and the weakest from the Croats."

Mr. Bartlett pointed out that this was because the Yugoslav army was mostly composed of Serbs and if Yugoslavia had resisted the Germans, they would have done most of the fighting in the mountains of Serbia.

"It is through these mountains that Herr Hitler hopes to



Mr. Wong Yip-ku and his bride, formerly Miss Chung Shu-ching.—(King's Studio).

Relief Aids 25,548,439 In China

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Between May, 1938, and December, 1940, a total of 25,548,439 people were aided by the national and provincial relief organisations and public charitable bodies, according to official statistics of the National Relief Commission.

"There is a great difference between the Yugoslav Government and the people there."

Most of the army is composed of Serbs and there is no reason to believe that these Serbs will be easily disciplined by the Germans."

Mr. Bartlett expressed the opinion that Herr Hitler's Fifth Column had done their work very well to bring about this new agreement between Yugoslavia and the Axis.

"There is a further point," continued Mr. Bartlett. "We don't know yet how far the Yugoslav Government will be able to deal with unrest in the country if it should break out before Herr Hitler can send his so-called hospital supplies across."

YOUNG KING

Referring to the young King of Yugoslavia, Mr. Bartlett declared Prince Paul, the Regent, had been anxious to keep himself in the background during these latest developments and the question was now whether the young King would receive his heritage intact.

"However, I will not say that Yugoslavia is entirely lost until the Nazis are within Belgrade," said Mr. Bartlett.

"Then we must also remember the effect of the Russian-Turkish arrangement. It is stated that they kept this arrangement secret until after Yugoslavia had signed on the dotted line. The official communiqué which explains that there is a complete understanding between the two countries should Turkey be involved in the war, is of vital importance."

NEW COLONIES

In addition, 130,453 people were aided by the joint offices of air raid relief in the provinces, cities and towns of Free China. Of the 25,548,439 people 21,805,790 were benefitted between May, 1938, and December, 1939, and only 3,742,849 were aided during 1940.

Of the 8,447,750 people aided by provincial relief organisations, 1,224,947 were in Hupeh province, 1,083,150 in Kiangsu, 728,050 in Kiangsi and 630,758 in Anhwei. The figures also show that 580,000 were cared for in Nanking, 421,500 in Shanghai and 14,748 in Hongkong and Macau.

FATE OF GREECE

TOKYO, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—Japanese newspapers appear to assume that the signing of a truncated version of the Axis Pact by Yugoslavia has settled the fate of Greece.

Developing this theme, the HOCHI SHIMBUN foresees Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini achieving their objective of making the Mediterranean an "Axis pond."

According to the Domei Agency, other sections of the Japanese Press aver that one sequel will be the adherence of all the other Balkan States to the Pact.

An outspoken statement by the Turkish Foreign Minister, in reference to Yugoslavia's adherence to the Axis Pact, was made yesterday, states a London message.

He said, "In spite of Turkey's endeavour for peace outside danger has now penetrated to our zone of security. The road to be followed by the Turkish nation is clearly defined."

Two of the three national government land reclamation projects are in Shensi province, while the third one is near Chungking. The Huanglungshan project in Shensi, which has an area of 4,424,198 mow and can support 630,056 refugee-farmers, is the largest of all. The other Shensi project, known as the Liping reclamation area, has 24,000 mow, enough for 6,000 settlers. The Model New Reclamation Village near Chungking is built under the auspices of the Ministry of Social Welfare. The commission has given \$85,604 to this project.—(Central News).

AN ACT OF VIOLENCE IN DENMARK

A grave violation of the national honour of Denmark was committed only a few days ago when the Danes were pressed to turn their fleet of torpedo boats over to the German navy.

When the Danish Cabinet protested against this circumvention of promises made at the time of occupation, the Germans lost patience and simply took the torpedo boats.

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"fresh evidence of an alarming lack of understanding by the Germans of the honour and sense of obligation which is ingrained in the very heart and soul of the Nordic peoples. We never expected anything like this from a victorious nation like Germany."

SOVIET-TURKISH UNDERSTANDING

ANKARA, March 26 (Reuter)—Reports published abroad that the Soviet-Turkish understanding recently reached provides for Soviet assistance to Turkey if she is attacked by Germany are not confirmed here.

Most that can be said is that it is believed if Turkey were attacked by Germany she would, in Soviet's view, not be fighting the Imperialist war but would be fighting to maintain her independence.

She might, therefore, be regarded as in the same position as China with all that that would imply.

The Soviet has been one of the chief suppliers of war materials to General Chiang Kai-shek's regime in its war against Japan.

Critical Time

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—The joint Turko-Soviet declaration featured prominently in the Chinese Press this morning, several emphasising the importance of the statement.

The influential TAKUNGPAO declares that at a critical time in Turkish history, Turkey has received assistance from the Soviet, whose action indicates Soviet preparedness against the extension of German influence into the Near East, thereby threatening interests of the Soviet.

Commenting on the Yugoslav adherence to the Tripartite Pact, the Takungpao declared: "For the nation's helpless position we are not critical, only sympathetic."

ATTITUDES DIFFER

ANKARA, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—The attitude of the Soviets and Turkey towards the belligerents differs, says the newspaper ULUS.

As a result, propagandists have tried to create trouble between them but the Soviet declaration that the U.S.S.R. will do nothing to encourage Turkey if Turkey's relations with a third Power grow rapidly worse shows that whatever their policy in the West, both Turkey and the U.S.S.R. want peace in the East and any extension of war in this area is against their common interest.

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Firstly, the Japanese in China are in far worse state of exhaustion and demoralisation than is generally assumed in Washington.

Secondly, Flying Fortresses could drop incendiary bombs on Japan's concentrated paper and matchwood industrial areas.

Thirdly, the British Empire now stand braced, hardened, ex-

Laughlin Currie's 2-Point Proposal For Aid To China

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—First reports claiming some inside knowledge of Mr. Laughlin Currie's report to President Roosevelt on Free China appeared in press yesterday. Mr. Currie is known as one of President Roosevelt's assistants "with a passion for anonymity," to which might also be added silence.

For the effectiveness of China's proposed counter-offensive, he is said to have made two points:

How far these recommendations, if actually made, are likely to be taken up, is unknown.

CAROL TO RESIDE IN CHILE

SANTIAGO, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—The Chilean Government has granted permission for Ex-King Carol of Rumania and Madame Lupezen to reside in Chile.

Great Chapters In Military History: Lord Croft Lifts The Curtain On African Campaign

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—The British Army continues to break records upon which the curtain has been lifted further by Lord Croft, Under-Secretary for War, in the House of Lords. He had a special word for the Home Guard—"probably the least expensive force in history"—which frees the mobile army to strike wherever necessary from Lofoten to Ijigwa.

Without the Home Guard, military commanders could not have risked sending vital reinforcements in men and weapons to smash the Italian army in Africa in the nick of time. Lord Croft then made new disclosures regarding the African campaigns. Despite the peril of invasion we parted with fine troops and first class equipment to meet the menace to Egypt and our vital communications with the east.

It is the longest distance ever covered by an army in history to reach a major theatre of war—it was an immense naval and military undertaking in submarine-infested oceans. Today it is permissible to mention that we have placed in safe custody in our prison camps a far larger number of the enemy than all the forces at General Wavell's disposal in the sombre month of last June, said Lord Croft.

It is experienced and trained to meet the military might of Germany. We are not afraid of the issue (Cheers).

H.K. Rent Racket

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otherwise, but the receipt entitled the holder to see another flat without extra charge.

On arrival at Mongkok Road our reporter learned that the previous tenants were made to vacate

the ground that the landlord had to make the necessary alterations from wooden to cement floors. The former rental was \$24 per flat, and the present (without any alterations) having been made \$60. "The money demanded was the insignificant amount of \$150!"

EXCEPTIONAL CASE

Our reporter, pursuing his investigations further, was told that this was an exceptional case as in the majority of cases the flat to be let would not be vacant until the "tea money" and advance rent have been paid.

In other words, flats are occupied by those with whom landlords put there for the sole purpose of making house-hunters believe that, were it not for the fact that the tenants had to shift for one reason or the other, the flat would not be vacant.

This mild form of extortion is

it was further learned, the outcome of the former usual harmless practice of "tipping" the watchman. With the growing demand for premises and the acute shortage of houses, some bright person struck on the brilliant idea of getting an extra month's rent for

nothing until, like a cancerous growth, it has now eaten into the souls of such a large number of landlords—agents and touts, as well—so that it has become almost impossible for the average working-class Chinese to obtain a flat unless he is in possession of anything between \$100 to \$300.

Unless the authorities take prompt action to put a definite stop to this racketeering, it will, in course of time, spread as not only to include foreign style houses in its grasp, but also encourage landlords to resort to any subterfuge to obtain possession of their premises—the Rents' Restriction Ordinance notwithstanding.

Four hundred and sixty-eight Indian boys are training for the Indian Navy near Karachi under 100 officers and instructors.

Sixty of them will move out immediately after 18 months' intensive training, including gunnery, engineering and wireless.

Fresh batches are constantly being taken.

FUTURE INDIAN ADMIRALS

Four hundred and sixty-eight Indian boys are training for the Indian Navy near Karachi under 100 officers and instructors.

Sixty of them will move out immediately after 18 months' intensive training, including gunnery, engineering and wireless.

Fresh batches are constantly being taken.

GAS the substitute for FIREWOOD.

A DOUBLE CHINESE CHATTY



These campaigns have been truly imperial and troops of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Rhodesia, African colonies and the Sudan, with British guardsmen and infantry, Scots, Welsh, many Irish and also divisions from India have, with the Royal Armoured Corps, Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers written great fresh chapters into British military history.

Egypt has been saved; the Suez Canal will not be Italian; another 600 miles of the shores of the 'Italian lake' have passed into British care. The Italian hold on Abyssinia is becoming increasingly precarious and Signor Mussolini's dreams have become the nightmare of Italy.

Soldiers of the British Empire

now stand braced, hardened, ex-

NO HIRE CHARGE.

FIXED to point FREE.

Write, Call or Phone.

HONG KONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LTD.

Central Showroom—Gloucester Bldg., Telephone 24704.

Kowloon Showroom—246, Nathan Rd., Telephone 67241.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
on
Friday, the 28th March, 1941.
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-kow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Comprising:-

Teakwood Dining Room, Bed Room, Drawing Room and Office Furniture, Chesterfield Suites, Tentsin Carpets & Rugs, Carpet Runners, Wardrobe & Cabin Trunks, Table Cloths, Napkins, Curtains, Electric Table Fans, Heaters and Lamps, Wall & Table Clocks, Curios, Ornaments, Gramophones & Records, Pictures, Cutlery, Perambulators, E. P. Brass, Porcelain and Glass Ware, Cooking Utensils, etc., etc.

also

A FEW PIECES OF BLACKWOOD FURNITURE

and
11 Volumes of Encyclopaedia Britannica (Tenth Edition)
1 "Westinghouse" Refrigerator
1 "Kelvinator" Refrigerator
1 "Frigidaire" Refrigerator
2 Hand Sewing Machines
2 Cooking Stoves
1 "Zenith" Radio
1 Albion Wringer
1 Looking Glass

On View from Thursday, the 27th March, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

A.R.P. Warden Fined \$250

An A. R. P. warden, WONG KAM-CHUEN, 36, who was charged with demanding \$9 from the manager of the Chung Wah Band on a threat of taking out a summons against him, was convicted and fined \$250, in default, three months' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for accused while Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin represented the Police.

It was stated that following the recent black-out exercises a member of the Chung Wah Band, Chau Pak, met defendant and saw him writing addresses in his book. Upon being asked, accused said that the lights in these premises had not been properly screened and summonses would be taken out against them. Accused was further alleged to have said that "tea money" would settle the matter.

MARKED NOTES

The manager of the band met defendant the following day, with a view to settling the matter by paying accused the sum of \$9. In the meantime he made a report to the Police. As defendant received the nine marked notes he was arrested.

During the meeting defendant was alleged to have said, "We take the opportunity of the black-out to make a little money."

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE
From 27 Mar to 2 Apr. 1941.

Days of Week	HIGH WATER:		LOW WATER:	
	Date	Time	Date	Time
Thur.	27	11.45 a.m.	10.04 p.m.	11.15
		09.47 5.6	04.04 2.9	10.47 2.4
Fri.	28	10.12 5.7	03.54 1.9	10.27 2.1
		22.24 6.0	16.47 2.0	22.37 1.9
Sat.	29	10.27 6.0	04.04 2.0	10.57 1.9
		22.57 6.3	16.57 2.0	23.07 1.9
Sun.	30	10.44 6.1	04.32 2.3	10.54 1.9
		23.24 6.4	17.07 2.0	23.34 1.9
Mon.	31	11.01 6.2	04.48 2.6	11.11 2.0
		17.48 4.9	05.24 2.9	17.58 2.1
Tues.	1	00.03 6.3	18.37 2.1	00.13 2.0
Wed.	2	00.35 4.5	05.32 2.2	00.45 2.0
		11.40 6.2	19.19 2.2	11.50 2.0

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

UNLAWFUL LOITERING

The recent thefts at the Bishop's Guest House had a sequel yesterday when Ng, Kwan-tak, 24, unemployed, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry with unlawful loitering in Lower Albert Road at the entrance of the House at 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed. Defendant had two previous convictions.

Det. Sub-Insp. J. O'Donovan prosecuted.

THEFT OF MILK

A former employee of the Dairy Farm Company, Tom Ming, was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with stealing a total of 65 bottles of milk from outside Canadian Cafe and Blue Bird Cafe on two occasions.

Pleading guilty, defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes prosecuted.

FATHER AS COMPLAINANT

A father appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday as complainant in a case in which his son was charged with demanding money with menaces.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley said that the son, Ho Ping, 30, unemployed, went to his father, Ho Tung, at the latter's shop at No. 83, Jaffe Road, ground floor, and asked for \$10. When this was refused, the son threatened to assault him. The matter was reported to the Police and defendant was arrested.

Pleading guilty, defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

AT KOWLOON

STABLE BOY FINED

A stable boy of the Whitfield Barracks, Lo Hau, 24, was charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday with stealing two planks of wood from No. 3 A.R.P. tunnel at Canton Road.

Det.-Sgt. A. Bethell said that about 10 p.m. on Tuesday Sgt. W. T. Ingram, heard sawing in the cook house of the Whitfield Barracks. He went inside to find defendant sawing up the wood which he admitted having stolen from the A.R.P. tunnel.

Accused was fined \$10 or one month's hard labour.

BRIBERY CHARGE

For obtaining a bribe of 50 cents from a Chinese male, Choi Wan at Hung Hom, a coolie of the Sanitary Department, Fung Kai, 34, was charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston asked for a remand of two days which was granted.

CHOLERA REGULATIONS

Six stall holders in the Yaumati district, including five women, appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday charged with larceny of a metal pocket watch from a street vendor in Sam Hing Street, Cheung Chau Island.

RADIO PROGRAMME

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9.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour."

9.30 Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

Fair Yellow Rose; I Love You Beau Lady (Sandor); Passing the Church; Lilac Flowers Moura; for Me (Zoltan)—Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. Tata Cardas (Hevesi-Kovacs); Szeretem A Kertet (Horvath-Keller)—Kalmar Pa' (Vocal) as Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra. La La Loma (Frader)—Magyar Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

9.45 "Songs" by Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Evelyn Laye (Soprano). Let The People Sing (from "C. B. Cochran's Lights Up"—Evelyn Laye (Soprano) w. Orch. and Chorus. Lov Never Comes Too Late; Nobody Could Love You More (both from "Paganini")—Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra. Solitude (Ellington and Others); When Day Is Done (de Sylva-Katzcher)—Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—To "Talk of Many Things."

16.15 Variety and Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Prairie Boy—Roy Smeck and His Hawaiian Serenaders. Vocal

Old Father Thompson (O'Hagan)

Grace and W. Green Fox-Trot

The Gaucha Serenade—Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Serenaders. Show Fox-Trot—The Munroes—The Everly Brothers—Harry Roy and His Orchestra. Vocal—Jo Ne Taine Plus (Glenor

DAVENTRY

Wavelength

G.S.G. 17.75b.c. (16.87)

G.S.B. 25.15m.

G.S.H. 31.47 ... (19.75m.)

G.S.O. 41.00m. (19.75m.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Sum-

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GENERAL

COMPANY MTG. REPORT:

Colony To Have Finest Storage Accommodation In Whole Of Far East

It was stated that defendants failed to provide boiling water for the purpose of washing utensils. Accused were fined \$10 each.

BREACH OF BOND

Convicted for larceny of a cotton jacket and breach of bond, Yu Muk, 32, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

It was said that defendant snatched the jacket from a woman at Boundary Street. Accused threw away the jacket when he was chased.

Inspector Nolloth was in charge of the case.

JUVENILE REMANDED

A 14-year-old boy and Chan Chan-sung, 19, were charged before Mr. Macnamara yesterday with keeping a "Tse Fa" gambling house at No. 314, Battery Street.

The raid was carried out on Tuesday when the boy was found writing tickets in the premises. He alleged that he was only employed by second defendant.

The boy was remanded until today to be sentenced in Juvenile Court, while second accused was fined \$50.

Table money \$5.98 picked up was ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

SOLDIER ACCUSED

Further evidence was given by Tsui Sheung, one of the complainants, before Mr. Anderson yesterday in the case in which Pte. Thomas John Milroy, Middlesex Regiment, Tsang Wing-fuk and Lo Lai-tong, are charged with demanding various sums of money from villagers in Kowloon City.

Chan Iu was charged with aiding and abetting.

Hearing was adjourned to April 4.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, appeared for Tsang, Lo and Chan, Mr. C. D'Almada represented Milroy and Det. Sgt. C. Dowman prosecuted.

MARINE COURT

FO. Kam-wing, coxswain of the steam launch Po On was fined \$14 when he appeared before Comdr. T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court yesterday on two charges of proceeding with his launch twice on the same day inside the marking buoy south of Lamma Island.

For failing to exhibit a red light at each end of a raft of logs, Cheng Muk was fined \$5 or five days.

PROFIT ON WORKING

"The profit on working was about

the same as in 1939, \$1,549,241.19

as compared with \$1,383,332.07, the decrease being only \$4,696.88 or 2.8 per cent. Earnings for 1940 were up by \$193,507.14 or 5.7 per cent, but Working Expenses were also up by \$238,204.00 or 13.2 per cent.

WAR TAXATION PAID

(\$95,384.65; just over a dollar per share (41.06). The tax paid covers three-quarters of a year only, April to December.

The cost of fuel and stores for

launches, cranes etc. continues to increase. Cost of repairs and general upkeep has also increased.

You will note that your Directors

have donated \$25,000 to the South

China Morning Post Fund and I

trust that this meets with your approval.

DANGEROUS GOODS

"The conditions of storage of

various Dangerous Goods at Kow-

loon Point, with the attendant risk

of fire, have caused us a great deal

of concern for some considerable

time, and in October 1940 a new

reinforced concrete Dangerous

Goods Godown was built on our

property at Yaumati. This godown

is constructed to ensure storage of

these cargoes in accordance with

the latest Government Regulations

Britain's Peace And War Aims Defined

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to consider the welfare of its neighbours.

WORLD PROSPERITY

Lord Halifax declared, "We for our part are prepared to join hands with any State which genuinely seeks the peace and prosperity of the world by loyally observing its engagements and ensuring liberty within its borders. It would be valueless to force unwanted associations upon unwilling nations. We must rather try to create conditions political and economic, in which there may grow among the people themselves the real sense of their community interest."

"In the British Commonwealth of Nations experience has taught us that nations, differing greatly in numbers, wealth, race and social structure can yet freely associate together and the British Commonwealth, the bastion of world defence today, may well become the bridge of greater world unity tomorrow."

In many respects the world must be treated in future as a single whole. When victory is won, it must be our aim to promote common interest in a greater possible interchange of goods and services.

POST-WAR PLANS

"Britain is ready to participate in plans to promote economic co-operation on a world wide scale. Our aim will be prosperity, justly shared."

Lord Halifax emphasised that even now Britain was planning to remedy the post-war impoverishment and arranging to establish stocks of food and raw materials which could be released as soon as we could be sure that they will be used for this work of healing and not for our destruction."

The business of rebuilding after the war will be a task far beyond the strength of any single country. Britain is resolved to do her utmost but clearly if the world is to be brought back to health it will only be by the united action of all men of all nations of goodwill.

Pleads For State Aid For Unemployed

"There is nothing outrageous in suggesting that the Government should do something for the unemployed, and a great deal more for the aged, infirm, or bereaved, even in wartime, because this month the House of Commons has made a revolutionary change in the principle of relief. It shifted the obligation of looking after the old and unemployed from families to the State."

So writes Mr. John Hands, M.C.H., honorary secretary and treasurer of the Selangor Asiatic Unemployment Committee, in his report for February.

He adds: "This country can better afford to do the same, but in view of the Legal Adviser's colourful argument in support of a tax on incomes it might be dangerous to propose it. The Federal Council a similar revolutionary change."

"Subscription to this Fund should not be withheld in the mistaken belief that war puts an end to unemployment."

The total amount of money received to date is \$95,800.50, of which the sum of \$729.80 was subscribed this month to meet an expenditure of \$883, which is, in addition to the \$75 average expenses of administration, the cost of 232 tins of milk, 8,080 kardes of rice, and \$305 in cash. That relief was distributed amongst 375 men, women and children."

The passing of the Income Tax Bill through the Federal Council this month is of special interest to this committee because it is another instance of the ineffectualness of public opinion, and more particularly because the un-officials prophesied an increase in unemployment as the result of the rich man's effort to adjust his income after a tussle with the tax gatherer.

Should that calamity materialise the narrow margin between this committee's meagre scale of relief and the starvation line will disappear.

MAGISTRATE PUNISHED

Li Ta-chang, magistrate of Hsuyuan, Anhwei, has been dismissed, sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and deprived of civil rights for five years for deserting his post.—(Central News)

QUESTION TIME IN COMMONS

FOODSTUFF IMPORTS INTO FRANCE

LONDON, Mar. 26 (Reuter) — Confirmation that a proportion of imports — which include considerable quantities of foodstuffs into unoccupied France from French North Africa undoubtedly passes to the Germans was given by the Minister for Economic Warfare, Mr. Hugh Dalton, in question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Dalton has previously been interrogated about the Government's policy regarding foodstuffs to France and repeated the well-known British standpoint.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lib.) asserted that 200,000 tons of goods had entered Marseilles in three recent weeks and that the greater part of it went to Germany. Mr. Dalton said that the newspaper *La Semaphore* had stated that 298,000 tons of cargo had arrived at Marseilles from all destinations during that period.

CARGO OF FLOUR

Another question asked was whether the Vichy Government's attention had been drawn to the fact that food from French Colonies is going to Germany instead of relieving the situation in France.

Mr. Dalton merely replied: "We have information that a certain proportion of these imports reaches the enemy. Flour in two ships now en route is intended only for unoccupied France and its distribution there will be under effective American control."

DONE BY REMOTE CONTROL. From that room, reached by a 20-step climb from the automobile

FINANCE & GENERAL

World's Longest Vertical Highway Lift Span

Three sharp whistle blasts from a boat as it approaches Marine Parkway Bridge over the waters of Rockaway Inlet... one blast in return from the bridge's deep-toned whistle. With these marine "hellos" the stage is set for raising the longest vertical highway lift span in the world.

The signals may sound any hour of day or night. In the little control room, high above the bridge's automobile traffic, there's always an operator to raise and lower the span so that vessels can pass.

Besides the supervisor of bridge operation, Rouel Cazajian, who's also in charge of Cross Bay Bridge, the Marine Parkway Bridge has several operators. Each works an eight-hour shift.

One of the first duties of a man at the start of each shift is to inspect and oil various parts of the span's lifting machinery. This is done according to schedule, the inside parts being done at night and the outside, or more intricate spots, in broad daylight. While he's away from the control room doing this, the bridge tender comes in to take his place. The substitute calls the operator back to his post if a large vessel comes along.

The operator is there along with the big control board, binoculars for scanning the waters and telephones that link him with other sections of the bridge and the outside world. If it's foggy, he also has the company of the bridge's foghorn, blowing its raucous warning five out of every 45 seconds.

"Ghostly," was an operator's description of the latter vigil, when fog enshrouds the many-windowed control room. Large tugs, excursion boats, sandbar barge drivers, with high booms and large pleasure craft are types of boats for which the span must be opened. Many are regular "commuters." The bridge operators, in their lonely control room, get to know by remote acquaintance the regular boats' crews. And while carrying on control of the huge \$3,750,000 bridge that links two boroughs, the operators find time for small-town helpful friendliness. They shout messages to the boats.

Usually the messages are from the boats' land headquarters. "Phone your office before you go to Arverne," ran one message. A megaphone is the means of communication incidentally. Sometimes, a boat's land office wants information. That often happens in stormy weather. "Any sight of the boat?" runs the query. A quick look out the windows. Maybe the binoculars are used. Then, to take the other day just before a thunderstorm broke, as an example, the reassuring reply was:

"It's going good off Breezy."

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE, SHAR-BROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyer	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH.	Buyer	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
			\$1340	Banks				\$1340
			277	H.K. Bank.....				277
			274	Do. (Col. Reg.).....				274
			288	Do. (Lon. Reg.).....				288
			2914	Chartered Banks.....				2914
			2104	Mercantile Bks. "A".				2104
\$70				Mercantile Bks. "C".	\$70			
				Bank of East Asia.....				15 ct.
				N. C. & S. Banks.....				
				Insurances				
			\$250	Canton Insurances.....				\$250
				Union Insurances.....	\$425			
				Underwriters.....				80 cts.
			\$180	H.K. Fire.....				\$180
				Shipping				
				Douphases.....				\$125
				Steamboats.....	\$9			
				Indo-Chinas (Prof.).....				
				Indo-Chinas (Def.).....				
				Shells.....				
				Waterboats.....				
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
				H.K. & K. Wharves.....				
				Providents.....				
				H.K. Docks (Old).....				
				H.K. Docks (New).....				
				+ Shanghai Docks.....				
				Mining				
				Kailans.....				
				Raubs.....				
				Hong Kong Mines.....				
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings.....				
				H.K. & S. Hotels.....	\$3.10			
				H.K. Lands.....	\$31			
				Do. 4% Debentures.....				
				Shanghai Lands.....				
				H.K. Realities.....	\$3.06			
				Humphreys.....	\$4.70			
				Chinese Estates.....				
				Cotton Mills.....				
				Ewo (B).....				
				Shan Cotton (B).....				
				Zoong Sings (B).....				
				Wing On Textiles (B).....				
				Public Utilities				
				H.K. Tramways.....				
				Peak Trams (Old).....				
				Peak Trams (new).....				
				Star Ferries.....	\$524			
				Yatfat Ferries.....	\$524			
				China Lights (O).....	\$6.16			
				H.K. Electric (Old).....				
				H.K. Electric (New).....				
				Macao Electric (Old).....				
				Macao Electric (New).....				
				Industrial				
				Cald. Meig. (Ord.) B.....				
				Cald. Meig. (Fwd.) B.....				
				Canton Iron.....				
				Cements.....				
				H.K. Boxes.....				
				H.K. Govt. Loans.....				
				4% Loan.....				
				5%.....				
				5%.....				
				Miscellaneous				
				Dairy Farms.....	\$18			
				Entertainments.....	\$7.15			
				Constructions (old).....				
				Constructions (new).....				
				Lane Crawford.....				
				Nanyang Tobacco.....	\$2.80			
				Sinoway.....	\$2.15			
				Waterson 1926 & Sons.....	\$11.10			
				Ch. G. Fox 1926 & Sons.....				
				H.K. Wing On.....				
				S. H. Wing On.....				
				Vibro Film.....				
				Wm. Parsons.....				
				Wm. Parsons.....				
				China Lights (Right).....				
				China Lights (Left).....				
				Do. to Shanghai.....				

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MARCH 26, 1941.

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8 Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8 Credits 4 months' sight
On Shanghai:	On demand 450
On Singapore:	On demand 52 3/4
On Japan:	On demand 102 1/2
On India:	Telegraphic Transfer, 82 1/2 and demand
On New York:	Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8 Credits, 60 days' sight 24 7/8
On Batavia:	On demand 21 15/16
On Paris:	Bank Bills, on demand Nom. Credits 4 months' sight Nom.
On Saigon:	On demand 104 1/2
On Manila:	On demand 48 1/4
On Bangkok:	On demand 140 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	Bank Buying Rate ... Nom. Bar Silver per oz. ... 23 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Wednesday, Mar. 26.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being steady with no business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to May buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Nothing doing. There were sellers at 24 1/2 for near, probably May, buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Erratic. Opened with sellers at 465 1/2 with business done at 466 1/4 and 466. The Market closed with sellers at 465 3/4, buyers at 466 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3.72 and then steadied up to 3.15 1/4. The market closed with sellers at 3.7/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5.9/32 and closed with sellers at 5.1/4 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 26 (Reuter). Official T.T. Rate:

Opening	Closing
London	0/3-1/8
New York	5-1/8
Japan	21-3/4
India	17-1/4
Paris	nominally
Hongkong	20-3/4

Sterling	Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-7/32	0/3-7/32	0/3-7/32
Mar.	0/3-7/32	0/3-7/32	0/3-7/32
Apr.	0/3-7/32	0/3-13/64	

U. S. Dollars

Spot ... \$5-1/4 ... 55-1/4
Mar. ... 5-1/4 ... 5-1/4
Apr. ... 5-1/4 ... 5-1/4
Market—Quiet.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Mar. 25 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Mar. 25 (Reuter): Govt. 34% Rupee, 95-15-0.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Mar. 25 (Reuter). Tin Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £273-3/4.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £270-3/4.

Market steady with fair general buying and with a steady East and moderate United States interest. Sales of near options are believed to be on behalf of the Ministry of Supply and they have restrained the up-trend. The United States has invited tenders for April 2 for 450 tons for thirty to sixty days shipment.

LONDON GOLD

London, Mar. 25 (Reuter). Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 188-.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Mar. 25, 1941.

	High	Low	Prev. Today's Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.83	10.75	10.79	10.81	.02 up
New York Rubber, May	22.20	22.00	22.05b	22.20N	.15 up
Chicago Wheat, May	88	87	87	88	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	65	64	64	65	.1 up
New York Hides, June	13.75	13.57	13.68b	13.72	.06 up

Total sales Monday:—83,600 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	May	July	September	December	January	March
May	22.05b/10a	21.90b/22.25a	22.20	N	.15 up	
July	21.70/70	21.63/65	21.75/77	.05 up		
September	21.15/15	21.25/25	21.0	N	.10 up	
December	21.00/00	21.10 A	21.10 N	.10 up		

Total sales for the day:—50 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	May	July	September	December	January	March
May	87 1/8	87 1/8	88 1/8	88 1/8	1 up	
July	85 1/8	85 1/8	85 1/8	85 1/8	1 up	
September	85 1/8	88 1/8	88 1/8	88 1/8	1 up	
December	85 1/8	85 1/8	85 1/8	85 1/8	1 up	

Monday's sales:—8,617,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	May	July	September	December	January	March
May	84 1/4	84 1/4	65 1/2	65 1/2	1 up	
July	65 1/4	64 1/4	65 1/2	65 1/2	1 up	
September	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	1 up	
December	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	1 up	

Total sales for the day:—52 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

	May	July	September	December	January	March
May	7.15 N	7.16/17	7.04 N	.11 off		
July	7.15 N	7.16/17	7.04 N	.11 off		
September	7.15 N	7.16/17	7.04 N	.11 off		
December	7.15 N	7.16/17	7.04 N	.11 off		

Total sales for the day:—52 contracts.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	May	July	September	December	January	March
May	2.52b/53a	—	2.49b/51a	.03 off		
July	2.54b/53a	—	2.52b/53a	.02 off		
September	—	—	—			
December	—	—	—			

Volume of business done:—57 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	May	July	September	December	January	March
May	87b/88a	.89/.91	.88b/.88a	.01 up		
July	.91b/91a	.93b/.94a	.91b/.91a	unch.		
September	—	—	—			
December	—	—	—			

Volume of business done:—412 lots.

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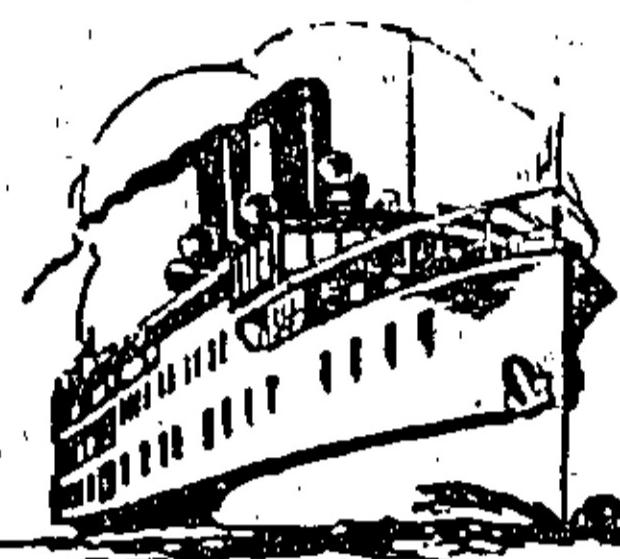
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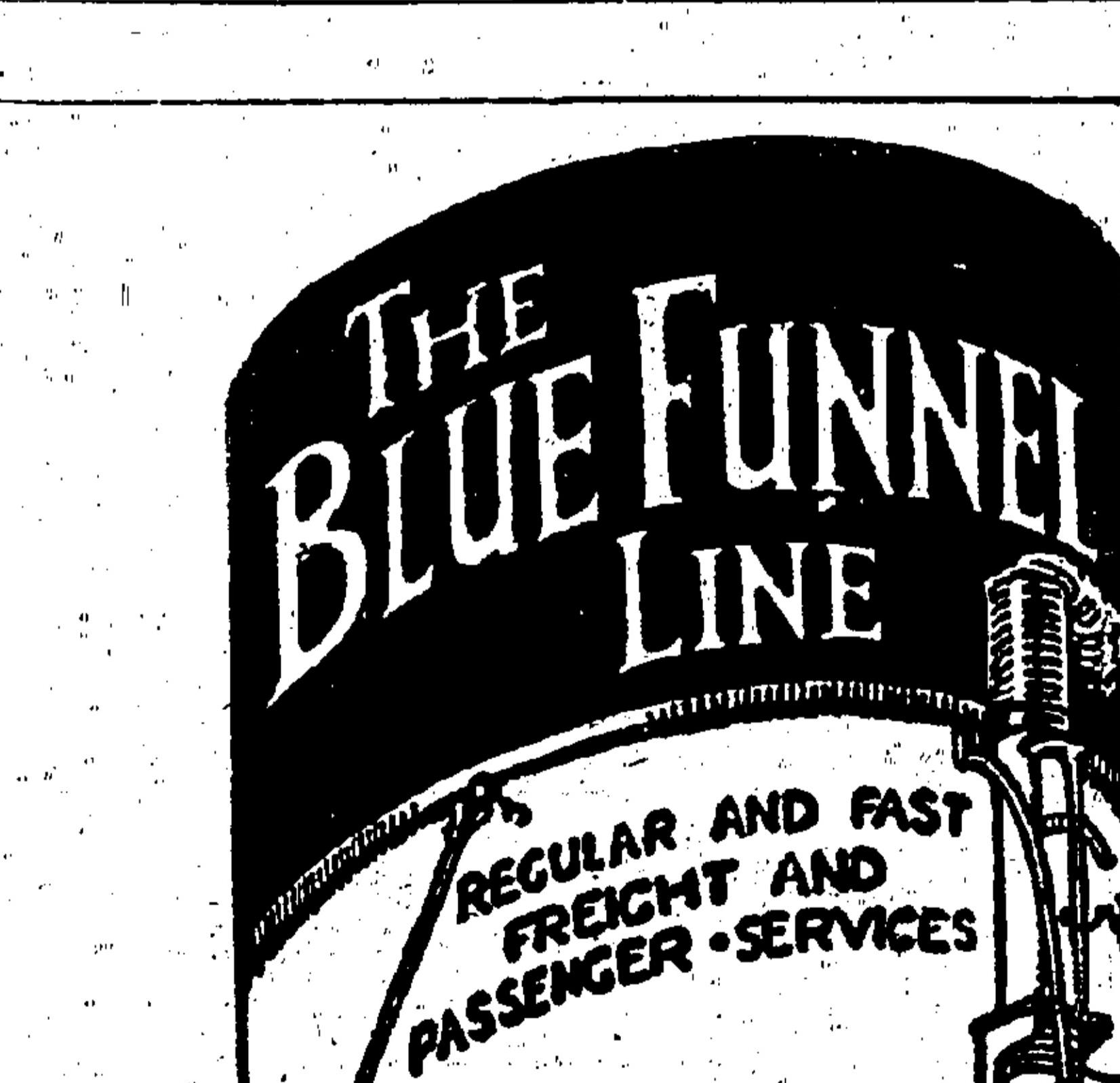
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VERY GRAVE DEPARTURE FROM REQUIREMENTS OF AGREEMENT

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WHY GOVERNMENT?

What I want to get at is why Government should come into it at all in relation to your agency. Why should your shroffs be secured to the satisfaction of Government?—In case I have to handle Government money.

You contemplated handling Government money?—No, I did not.

But you contemplated the possibility?—I might have received instructions but I do not know.

From whom?—From anybody. I regard Mr. Forrest as my superior officer.

Did you ever suggest to Mr. Forrest or your solicitors that a clause providing for security should be embodied in the agreement?—I don't know if I have suggested it, but I have added something which I thought were improvements to Mr. Forrest's department.

But didn't that strike you as a wise provision to make?—I did not think so.

SECURITY CLAUSE

You were able to give security and would it not have been better to have a clause regarding security?—I didn't think of it at the time.

But you thought of it before and after that time?—Yes, but when I had the contract in my hand I thought I was under the control of the Immigration Officer.

But that contract was only between you and Mr. Forrest. Did it not occur to you to have such a clause in?—I did not think it was necessary.

Mr. Kobza was then asked when he opened the banking account stipulated in the contract, and which, under Clause 14 of the agreement, could only be drawn on by cheques countersigned by an auditor. He replied that he was not sure but that he thought Feb. 11 or 12. The auditors he suggested to Mr. Forrest was Messrs. Linstead and Davis. Although he made the suggestion verbally, Mr. Forrest signified his agreement to the proposal in writing.

ENGAGED ACCOUNTANT

When he approached Mr. Forsyth, of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, he was told that it was impossible for that firm to undertake the task as they could not spare any officials. He then told Mr. Forrest that he was making arrangements but that, in the meantime, he had engaged an accountant.

Relying to further questions by the Chairman, Mr. Kobza said that he told Mr. Forrest that he could not possibly get the auditors, but that he had approached a certain gentleman. On the Chairman asking who the gentleman was, Mr. Wynter-Blyth asked if Mr. Kobza might put the name on a piece of paper.

The Chairman: Yes. Actually I don't want to know the name of the gentleman; what I want to know is whether he fulfilled the requirements mentioned in the agreement.

After Mr. Kobza had handed the name in, the Chairman said that he did not know the gentleman but he took it that he was not an auditor, to which Mr. Kobza replied that the gentleman in question was an expert accountant who was willing to help him to look after the accounts.

Chairman: Did you take any steps whatsoever before you opened your banking account to comply with the requirements in the agreement?—I did not think it was necessary. In any event the conditions have been modified. Mr. Forrest and I had reached an agreement that the cheques should be counter-signed by my secretary who is permanently on the premises.

NOT ENDORSED

This agreement has been varied in one regard and one regard only. As to the terms, I can find no further variation to it endorsed anywhere. How is that?—It was not endorsed, because we just agreed verbally.

You know that a verbal variation is worth nothing?—I did not think of that at the time.

The object of Clause 14 is, I suggest to you, to safeguard in two directions: (1) all accounts will be constantly subject to examination by a skilled person, and (2) to safeguard the funds which are in a special account opened for the purpose of this agreement in that no money could be drawn for except on counter-signature. It does not say that the General Agent should have all cheques countersigned by another person.

THE ONLY CHARGE

Asked whether any charge was

an approved auditor. You said that your cheques were countersigned by your secretary—a person in your employ. Is this not a very grave variation of the agreement?—I didn't think of the agreement.

GRAVE DEPARTURE

Do you agree that it is a very grave departure from the requirements of this agreement?—I did not consider it as such at the time.

Do you agree now?—Yes.

You have also mentioned about security and yet in the next breath you told of the complete disregard of this vital clause in the agreement?—I didn't know much about accounting.

In that case the position is worse, isn't it?—I did not regard myself as doing anything wrong as long as my superior officer knows about it. I did not do anything without referring to Mr. Forrest.

Referring to the matter of the auditor, Sir Atholl asked whether Mr. Kobza did not consider the matter one of urgency as he was then taking photographs at the rate of 2,000 per day, to which Mr. Kobza was heard to reply that the money taken in was all his.

NOT YET APPROACHED

Chairman: The agreement was signed on Jan. 22 and today is Mar. 26. You say that you have not yet approached any other firm of auditors?—I did not think it was so urgent.

We know that in February you had apparently given up the idea of getting a firm of auditors because your specimen signature cards at the Bank bears the signature of your secretary. Is that right?—That was with the consent of the Immigration Officer, but I had made arrangements for an auditor.

With whom?—I have already given you the name.

But he is only an accountant. Did you arrange with an auditor?—No.

Can you suggest why you didn't have this variation of your agreement in writing as you did with the other variations?—I did not have the other variations in writing either.

But this endorsement at the back of page one bears your signature. Did you sign it?—Yes, but it did not come from me.

What do you mean. Deacons were your solicitors?—Yes.

The agreement was drawn by them on your instructions?—Yes.

How then did these variations come to be endorsed on the first sheet of the agreement? It was endorsed in the offices of Deacons?—No. The signature was not done in Deacons.

NOT WRITTEN

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